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## United Way announces 2024 campaign kickoff event

By United Way of Northeast Missouri

The United Way of Northeast Missouri (UWNEMO) announced that they will kick off their 2024 Capital Campaign on Sept. 27 between 6 and 8 p.m. at White Oaks Wedding Barn in Kirksville. The public is invited to attend.

"We are excited to hold our 2024 United Way Campaign kick off," said Chade Shorten, UWNEMO

President. "Under the leadership of our 2024 drive chair, Amanda Selby, we have a lot of activities scheduled during our kickoff event at White Oaks," she added.

Activities scheduled for the kickoff include: A Wine Cork Pull, children's games and the Illusion Danz Team from Truman State University. Representatives of all 11 agencies that United Way supports will be set up at tables to answer

questions and talk about how they use the monies they receive from the proceeds of the Campaign.

Attendees will be given an "Agency Passport" when they check in. A drawing of one of the completed passports will win four movie tickets donated by the Downtown Cinema 8 and a pizza donated by Pagliais Pizza. There will be a variety of free food items for attendees to enjoy.

Local food vendors "Live Laugh Lotus" and "Shiver'n Shark Bites Ice Cream Truck" will have drinks and desserts available for purchase from their food trucks, which will be located in the White Oaks Barn parking lot. Additionally, they will have free face painting and airbrush tattoos from Hollywood Face Painting.

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Back Row, Left to Right Dignitaries: Sarah Traub, Interim Associate Vice Chancellor for MU Extension & Director of Education & Impact, Chris Daubert, MU Vice Chancellor & Dean, College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, Kevin Roberts, Chairman, Missouri State Fair Commissioner, Jerald Andrews, Missouri State Fair Commissioner, Randy Little, Missouri State Fair Commissioner, Jamie Johansen, Missouri State Fair Commissioner, Todd Hayes, Vice President, Missouri Farm Bureau, Blake Rollins, Chief Administrative Officer, Missouri Farm Bureau. Farm Family Honorees in middle and front of photo: David Hoppe, Peyton Hoppe, Kathy Hoppe and Gabriel Hoppe. MISSOURI FARM BUREAU

## Hoppe family chosen as Missouri Farm Family for Adair County

By University of Missouri Extension/Adair County

David and Kathy Hoppe and family of Greentop, were among the families honored during the 66th annual Missouri Farm Family Day, Aug. 14 at the Missouri State Fair.

The Hoppe family was selected as the Adair County Missouri Farm Family by University of Missouri Extension in Adair County and the Adair-Schuyler County Farm Bureau. The family

includes David and Kathy and two of their children, Peyton and Gabriel.

Each year, the fair sets aside a day to recognize farm families from across the state who are active in their communities, involved in agriculture, and/or participate in local outreach and extension programs such as 4-H or FFA.

The annual event is sponsored by five partner agencies: the Missouri Farm Bureau; the Missouri Department of Agriculture; the Missouri State Fair Commissioners; the MU

College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; and MU Extension.

The event showcases the impact that Missouri farm families have on the economy and heritage of the state, said Missouri State Fair Director Mark Wolfe. "These families are involved in agriculture activities in their communities and are active participants in local outreach and extension. As the premier showcase for Missouri agriculture, the Missouri State Fair is most certainly the appropriate place to celebrate these families."

## Council approves ordinance to suspend utility late payment charge

Kirksville Council approves ordinance to temporarily suspend utility late payment charge as city transitions to new billing system

Staff Reports

The Kirksville City Council, at their Sept. 18 regular meeting, approved an ordinance authorizing the finance director to suspend certain provisions of the city's code relating to the assessment of penalties and the termination of service for nonpayment of utility bills from Oct. 1 through Oct. 31, to account for the transition of data between Springbrook and Tyler Technologies Utility Billing Software.

According to city Finance Director Lacey A. King, the city is in a phase of their software conversion where it's going to start impacting customers. She said that up to this point, the conversion has only impacted the city and the operations of the finance department, not the public. She said that the plan is to complete the utilities billing systems by the end of September.

"Due to the completion date, there's three things that it's going to impact for our citizens," King told the council. "The first one being those people who pay online and use the Pay-By-Phone services that we currently have."

King said that the service will be shut off at 11 p.m. on Sept. 20 and will not be restored until they have completed the conversion, which they anticipate to be the first week in October.

"And it is just the payment portion of that," she said, "It doesn't impact anybody's current services, just their billing portion."

She said that the plan is to install the new system and get those bills prepared and sent out the last day of September, "but that is if everything goes perfect, and we'll cross our fingers that everything is perfect." She told the council that they would like a little leeway to at least get those bills in the mail by the following week if necessary.

"Like I said, we hope we meet that deadline but we're planning for a scenario in case we don't meet that deadline," King told the council, "So that is going to impact the time that our utility customers have from the time they received their new bill in the new system to pay on Oct. 20."

She requested that the council waive the delinquent fees on the bills that would be due Oct. 20 to allow citizens a few more days to get those bills paid depending on when they receive them as the city's payment services might not be operational until the end of that first week in October.

"That would also be the due date for all delinquent utility bills and that is not going to allow those people who maybe do not live in town and cannot get the mail here, time to make that delinquent payment," King said. "We need to give those citizens the opportunity to get their bills paid so we're asking that council not have us do shut offs in October to allow those people to get their new bill set up because even if they were to try to pay their old bill in the old system, it won't work for them."

She said customers will have to pay in the new system and that they'll have a new account number.

"So to try to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone, we're asking council for those three things this month during that transition," she said.

She said the city will continue to take payments at City Hall, that they have a dropbox across the street as well as a drop slot in the front of City Hall, and payments can be made at the Hy-Vee supermarket during the transition.

The council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance.

## Beatles Tribute Band to perform at Truman State

By Truman State University

Beatlemania will return to Truman State University's Baldwin Auditorium at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, with a performance by Liverpool Legends.

As part of the Kohlenberg Lyceum Series, this internationally acclaimed tribute band will take the stage for a performance spanning songs from the entire Beatles catalog, complete with vintage instruments and outfit changes for an authentic feel.

Hand-picked by Louise Harrison, the sister of the late George Harrison, Liverpool Legends have been headlining their own production in Branson, Mo., since 2006. They have been voted best new show, best band, best show and they have received the visitors' choice



award for best show. They received national attention as they re-created the Beatles famed 1966 concert at Busch Stadium in St. Louis.

In 2012, Liverpool Legends, along with Harrison, were nominated for a Grammy Award for their work on "Fab Fan Memories: The Beatles Bond." The band has traveled

and performed around the world, playing sold out shows in Mexico, India, Israel, Ecuador and England, and at historic venues including the Rose Bowl and Carnegie Hall.

This performance will also include the return of Truman alumnus David Tanner ('95) who portrays Paul McCartney.

Free tickets are available starting Sept. 25 and can be picked up in advance at the Arts Association in downtown Kirksville or at the Truman State University Admissions Office at the corner of Franklin Street and Normal Avenue.

This season all Kohlenberg Lyceum Series events are provided free of charge thanks to the generous support of local sponsors, the Friends of the Lyceum program and the Truman State University Foundation. Friends of the Lyceum receive exclusive benefits including reserved seating, special parking and a commemorative gift of the season based on the level of their donation.

For more information, visit [lyceum.truman.edu](http://lyceum.truman.edu) or call (660) 785-4128.

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Kirksville Area Calendar of Events

#### Kirksville Cars & Coffee

The 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization will hold its Kirksville Cars & Coffee event on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 8:30-11 a.m., at the DuKum Inn, 111 S. Elson Street, Kirksville. All are welcome. Bring your car, truck, bike, hot rod, daily or clunker. Check out all the cars, enjoy a free doughnut, some coffee and some great conversation with some good people. Free raffle prizes.

#### Ribs for Kids Cook-off

The NEMO Fair Association will hold a Ribs for Kids Cook-off on Sept. 23 from 3-7 p.m., at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Free admission activities included: Morton DJ & Sound, Kids games, Food trucks and silent auction. \$10 entry to Cook-Off Pit to sample entries. Only 100 tickets available. Cook-Off awards for: Best Ribs, Best Sauce and People's Choice. Judging at 5 p.m. To purchase tickets, stop by FosterAdoptConnect, 117 Potter Avenue, Kirksville, Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To enter as a contestant, a registration fee of \$30 must be paid when the contestant form is picked up at FosterAdoptConnect.

#### Thousand Hills State Park Archeology Day

Thousand Hills State Park Archeology Day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 1-4 p.m. Join park staff, archeologists, and volunteers for a fun day of archaeology. Check out a variety of fun and interactive archaeology activities. Meet at the beach parking lot. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

#### YMCA Paint Party Run

The YMCA Paint Party Run will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 at 9 a.m. Come paint your way to the finish line. No times, no one to beat, have fun. You can choose to run, walk, bike or pull your kiddos in a wagon. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$20 and included the run and a shirt. Run only is just a \$10 donation. 13 and under are free. Call (660) 665-1922. 1708 S. Jamison Street, Kirksville.

#### Kirksville Bike Night

Kirksville Bike Night, sponsored by the 660 Charitable Motorcycle Organization, will be held on Saturday, Sept. 23 from 5-8 p.m., at the El Kadir Shrine Club, 2401 S. Baltimore Street.

#### City/County work session scheduled

The Kirksville City Council has scheduled a work session with the Adair County Commissioners at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25 in the 2nd Floor Conference Room at City Hall, 201 S. Franklin Street. The tentative agenda includes items of mutual interest to the city and Adair County. For more information, call 660-627-1225.

#### In the Know:

##### Protecting Your Business

Kirksville Police Chief Scott Williamson will hold the first "In the Know" meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 26 at 8 a.m. at the Kirksville Aquatic Center, 801 E. Mill Street. This month the chief will speak about the department and how to keep your business safe. There will be coffee and light refreshments. The event is sponsored by the Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce.

##### NEMO United Way Campaign Kickoff & Cork Pull

The NEMO United Way will hold their Campaign Kickoff & Cork Pull on Sept. 27 at the White Oak Barn from 6-8 p.m. Learn about their agencies, enter their cork pull, grab a drink from Live Laugh Lotus and enjoy dessert from Shiver'n Shark Bites Ice Cream Truck while they kick off the 2024 campaign. Sponsored by Elizabeth Gregory of eXP Realty.

##### Kirksville's Watershed Management Commission meeting

The city of Kirksville's Watershed Management Commission will hold a meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27, in the Conference Room at EDA Building, 315 S. Franklin Street.

##### Truman State University presents 'Twelve Angry Jurors'

Truman State University presents 'Twelve Angry Jurors' on Sept. 28, 29, and 30 at 7:30 p.m. and Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. at the James G. Severns Theatre, Ophelia Parrish Building. When a person's life is at stake, what consti-

tutes reasonable doubt becomes the most important question. In *Twelve Angry Jurors*, adapted by Sherman L. Sergel, personalities clash, tempers flare, and the clock ticks as twelve people try to come to a unanimous verdict in a murder trial. This tense and enlightening story pits reason against passion, bigotry against fact, and callousness against caring until the very end. Is a young man guilty of murder and deserving of death, or is there a reasonable doubt?

##### 'We're Going On A Bug Hunt' at Thousand Hills State Park

"We're Going On A Bug Hunt" will be held at Thousand Hills State Park on Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. Join park staff and volunteers to go on a bug hunt. They will observe bugs and see if any of them will stay long enough to catch them and identify them. All bugs will be released and none will be harmed in the process. Meet at the Special Use Area. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

##### Party Down for Down Syndrome

Project HAPPIE, a Kirksville organization dedicated to spreading joy and Down syndrome awareness, announces the 2nd annual "Party Down for Down Syndrome," a "heart-warming and fun" event set to take place at the Rotary Park Amphitheater in Kirksville on Sept. 30 from 1-3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. The event is a kick-off for World Down Syndrome Month (October) and a celebration of the gifts people with Down syndrome contribute to the world. Party Down for Down Syndrome promises to be filled with joy, music, and special moments. Event Highlights: A DJ and Dance Party; Local DJ Nicholas Naioti will keep the crowd dancing with fun music for all ages. Dance Competition: Individuals or groups who pay the entry fee can compete for multiple prizes determined by audience vote. Fun for all: There will be an array of activities, such as balloons and temporary tattoos, designed to appeal to individuals of all ages and abilities.

##### Pearls of Production

Pearls of Production, taught by University of Missouri Extension women specialists to women producers, is celebrating its 10th year and offering a one-day event in Kirksville on Sept. 30. The Kirksville event is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 30, at Truman State University. Topics include: Feeding livestock in a forage shortage; Internal parasite control; Practical biosecurity updates for the farm. Register at <https://extension.missouri.edu/events/pearls-of-production-in-the-field>. Cost is \$40 per event. For more information, contact Reagan Bluel at [BluelRJ@missouri.edu](mailto:BluelRJ@missouri.edu) or 417-847-3161.

##### FLATS Trail Half Marathon

The FLATS Trail Half Marathon will be held on Sept. 30 at 8:30 a.m. This is a fundraiser for the Forest Lake Area Trail System. Pre-race packet pickup will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 at the ATSU Thompson Campus Center (210 S. Osteopathy, Kirksville) from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. and again race morning at the Marina beginning at 7 a.m. Age groups include 19 and under, 20 to 29, 30 to 39, 40 to 49, 50 to 59, 60 to 69, 70 and over. All proceeds from the FLATS Trail Half Marathon are donated to the Forest Lake Area Trail System (FLATS) for the construction and maintenance of trails in Adair County.

##### 'Fall Tree Painting' at Thousand Hills State Park

"Fall Tree Painting" will be held at Thousand Hills State Park on Saturday, Sept. 30 from 1-3 p.m. Art is a wonderful way to connect ourselves to nature. Learn how to paint fall trees with staff and volunteers. Supplies will be provided but you may bring your own if you prefer. Meet at the Special Use Area. Questions? Contact the park office at 660-665-6995

##### Drop in Disc Golf Tournament

NCHS Trilogy Challenge Drop in Disc Golf Tournament will be held on Sept. 30 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Rotary Park, 801 E. Mill Street in Kirksville. Whether you're a seasoned pro or just getting started, this event is perfect for all skill levels and ages. Drop by anytime. Registration is just \$40 per person and includes three high quality discs that must be used to complete the course, a flexible mini marker, and a Dynamic Discs microfibre towel. New to the sport? Beginner clinics are available all day. Ready to register or want more information? Click the link below to access all the details and secure your spot today: [https://www.discgolfscene.com/.../NCHS\\_Triology\\_Challenge...](https://www.discgolfscene.com/.../NCHS_Triology_Challenge...)



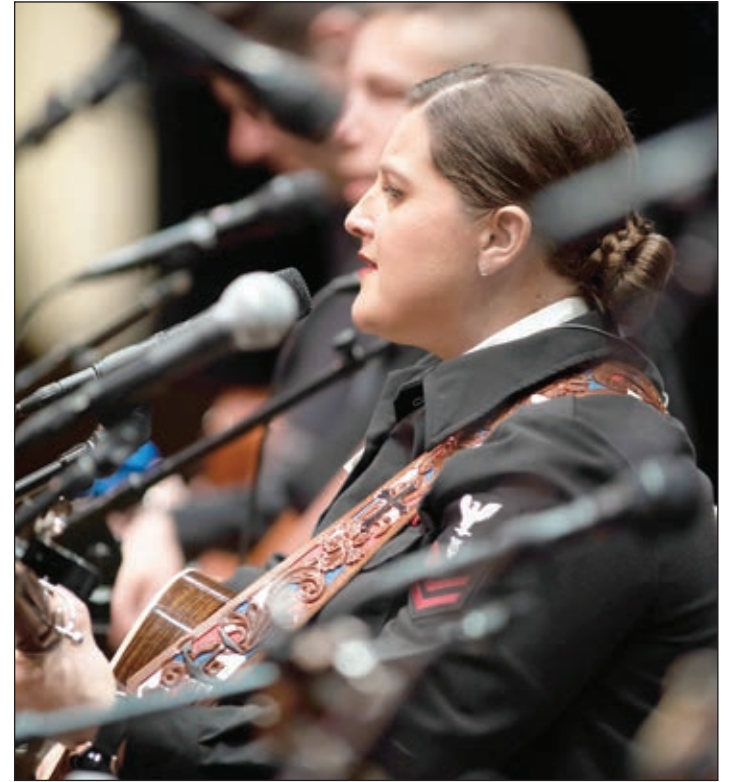
## Rotarian Ernie Hughes speaks to Rotary Club of Kirksville

By Rotary Club of Kirksville

At the Sept. 20 Rotary Club of Kirksville meeting, fellow club member Ernie Hughes, vice president for University Advancement at Truman State University, spoke about his Fulbright Scholarship Specialist Program on business administration held in Uganda this summer. He is pictured with club President Melissa Stuart (left).

## Kirksville musician performs with Navy band

Musician 1st Class Sally Sandker, center, from Kirksville, performs with the U.S. Navy Band "Country Current" in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the unit's creation. The concert took place at Schlesinger Hall and featured special performances by alumni of the unit.



U.S. NAVY PHOTO BY CHIEF MUSICIAN JONATHAN BARNES



## Kirksville Council approves fire department's strategic plan

Staff Reports

The Kirksville City Council, at their Sept. 18 meeting, approved a resolution adopting the Kirksville Fire Department's strategic plan for 2024 through 2034, with the implementation contingent upon funding. The 20-page report covers the current environment facing the department, call volume, staffing, apparatus, facilities, national fire service standards, goals and future vision.

Fire Chief Jon Cook told the city council that the written plan references how far they've come in the last five years and provides a guiding document

with enough detail to provide solid guidance to current and future administrations while remaining flexible enough to adapt to any changes.

According to the staff report, Cook was tasked with developing a strategic plan for the Kirksville Fire Department to communicate both internally and externally the goals of the department and the actions that will be necessary to achieve those goals.

"This plan is not all-inclusive but intended to demonstrate the foundational support that is needed for the department to thrive," Cook wrote in his report.

The plan was originally presented to the council at their Sept. 7 study session. The goal of the plan, according to Cook's report, is to foster the necessary growth, accountability, and partnerships within the community to have a positive impact on crime within the city of Kirksville.

"I think you and your entire department have really earned the council's trust in trying out some new things and working those through and I'm excited to see where it may be able to go with this 10-year plan as well," Mayor Zac Burden told Cook.

The council unanimously approved the resolution.

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## Winkleman reunion held in Greentop

By Winkleman family

The 20th Annual Winkleman family reunion was held Saturday Sept. 16 at the Greentop, Missouri City Park and Shelter House with a carry-in dinner. Several family members traveled from Iowa, Illinois and Missouri. Before eating, Jack Winkleman asked the blessing and offered special thoughts for Taylor Winkleman, who could not attend.

The afternoon was spent visiting and sharing family events that occurred during the past year.

Attending — Jack and Kathaleen Winkleman, Kirksville; Chris and Linda Winkleman Boultinghouse, Greentop, Mo.; John and Regan Boultinghouse Townsend, and Deven, Columbia, Mo.; B.J. Winkleman, Greentop, Mo.; Bob and Brenda Winkleman Kelsey, Brashear, Mo.; Patrick and Zachary Winkleman, Kirksville; Ferrel Moots, Kirksville; Eldon and Roberta Winkleman, Quincy, Ill.; Nellie Winkleman, Beacon, Iowa.; Roy and Angie Winkleman, Beacon, Iowa.; Danielle Corbett, and Jaden, Hendrix and Aryls, Oskaloosa, Iowa.; Lewie Winkleman, New Sharon, Iowa.; Lew and Rosie Winkleman Heldenbrand, Prole, Ia.; Robert Winkleman and Diane Day, Runnels, Iowa.; Randy and Charlotte Winkleman and Grand Kids Caleb and Katrina Leighton, Oskaloosa, Iowa.



NEMO PHOTOGRAPHY

## 3rd Annual Firefighters Ranch Rodeo results

Staff Reports

Results of the Kirksville Professional Firefighters Local 2952 3rd Annual Ranch Rodeo & Barrel Race, held on

Saturday, Sept. 16 at the NEMO Fairgrounds. Barrel Racing: 1D — Miranda Davis; 2D — Riley Mehrhoff. Rodeo Results: 1st Place Overall Team — Lamoni Livestock; 2nd Place Overall

Team — Kitchen Land and Cattle; 3rd Place Overall Team — Rockin P Cattle. The rodeo is a fundraiser for the Kirksville Firefighters Community Outreach fund.

## Ameren Electric Fuel Adjustment charge decrease approved

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY — The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved a filing made by Union Electric Company d/b/a Ameren Missouri to adjust the fuel adjustment clause (FAC) charge on the bills of its electric customers.

Ameren Missouri made two filings with the Commission. In its first filing (Case No. ER 2024-0028), Ameren Missouri proposed to adjust the FAC to reflect changes in its fuel and purchased power costs, net off-system sales revenues and associated transportation experienced during the four month peri-

od of February through May 2023. The second filing was Ameren Missouri's FAC true-up (Case No. EO-2024-0029).

For a residential customer using 1,000 kWh (kilowatt-hours) of electricity a month, the FAC will decrease by approximately \$2.17 a month, from a current FAC of approximately \$5.26 a month to an FAC of approximately \$3.09 a month. The change will take effect on Oct. 1, 2023.

The FAC tariff allows the company to pass increases or decreases in its net fuel and purchased power costs to customers outside of a general rate case.

The FAC allows the company to recov-

er most — up to 95 percent — of its costs, but not all, to encourage conservation and prudence in fuel use by the company. Any charges resulting from the fuel adjustment clause must appear in a separate category on customers' bills.

Fuel adjustment charges are intended to help companies deal with volatility in fuel pricing. The FAC tariff requires regular adjustments to reflect changes in prices the company has incurred for fuel and for wholesale power purchased to serve customers.

Ameren Missouri provides electric service to approximately 1.2 million electric customers in Missouri.



## KIRKSVILLE AREA NEWS BRIEFS

### Portion of McKinney Bark Park to close for maintenance, installation of new features

The large dog portion of McKinney Bark Park will be temporarily closed from 8 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 22, through 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, to allow parks maintenance crews to install park drainage improvements and recycled content dog play features. The small dog portion of the park will remain open during these improvements.

### Fall brush and limb pick up happening week of Oct. 2-6

Save the date for the City's Fall Brush and Limb Pick Up next month. The Fall Brush and Limb Pick Up is scheduled for Oct. 2 to 6. This is the perfect time to remove dead branches and smaller dead trees from your yard. City crews will begin picking up tree limbs and large brush on Monday, Oct. 2. Although the work is expected to take the entire week, to guarantee pickup, your brush must be placed curbside by 7 a.m. on Monday. This includes limbs that are no longer than 10 feet in length, and/or no wider than 18 inches in diameter. For more information, contact the Public Works Department at 660-627-1291.

### Quilt Exhibit at the Sue Ross Arts Center

The current exhibit by the Kirksville Arts Association at the Sue Ross Arts Center is a collection of quilts by the Hands of Friendship Quilt Guild. The show runs through Oct. 21. Twenty-one members of the quilt guild have on display in the Ellebracht and Gaber Galleries over 60 quilts, including vintage quilts from the 1920s-'30s. A reception, that is open to the public, will be held on Thursday, Sept. 28 from

5:30-7 p.m. providing an opportunity to meet the quilters whose work is on display. The Sue Ross Arts Center is located at 215 S. Franklin in Kirksville and is open Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There is no charge to visit the exhibit.

### Truman State University Art Gallery Exhibit

The exhibition features Sam Cohen's Working America and Madeline Brice's Learning not to hurt others, and will be on display through Oct. 11. University Art Gallery Hours: Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday noon to 4:30 p.m. Art Gallery exhibits are free and open to the public. The University Art Gallery is closed between exhibitions and during all Truman State University breaks. Additional information at gallery.arttruman.com. The Art Gallery is located on the first floor of the Ophelia Parrish Fine Arts Center, at the corner of Normal and Mulanix Streets — entrance on the west side of the building.

### Ld's Bar and Grill calendar

Ld's Bar and Grill, 33006 State Hwy. M in Economy (three miles east of Atlanta on Hwy M), will hold the following events: Pool tournaments every first and third Saturday of the month. Sign in at noon, play begins at 1 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 23 Poker Run; Saturday, Sept. 30, "Keota" 8 p.m.-11 p.m.; Saturday, Oct. 21, "Shakey Ground", 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Friday, Oct. 27, "Stone House" 9 p.m.-12 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 10, "Keota" 8-11 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11, "Hwy. 63" 9 p.m.-12 a.m.; \*Wednesday Nov. 22, "No Apology" 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; Thursday, Nov 23, Closed for Thanksgiving; Saturday, Nov. 25, "Stone House" 9 p.m.-12 a.m.; Saturday, Dec. 9, "Hwy. 63" 9 p.m.-12 a.m.; Sat-



urday, Dec. 30, Pre-New Years Eve Party With "No Apology" 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Call 660-239-4576 for more information.

### Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market on Saturdays

The Kirksville Kiwanis Farmers' Market will run each Saturday from May through Oct., 7 a.m. to noon on the square in downtown Kirksville. Come support your local farmers, growers, bakers, and craftspeople at the longest continual community service project in the city of Kirksville. For more information, contact the Kirksville Kiwanis Club at (660) 988-0419 or via email at kirksvillemarket@gmail.com. or see the Kiwanis Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/kirksvillekiwanisfarmersmarket/

### Food Bank Adopt a Buddy Pack program

The Food Bank for Central & Northeast Missouri invites you to Adopt a Buddy Pack. 1,928 children in Adair County qualify for free or reduced-price meals at school. Many of these children do not have access to nutritious meals during the weekend. The Food Bank's Buddy Pack program aims to fill that gap by providing

Buddy Packs full of nutritious food for children to take over the weekend. You can help feed a child with Buddy Packs. A gift of \$270 allows them to provide a Buddy Pack to a child in Adair County for an entire school year. Donate at sharefoodbringhope.org/give-help or in-person at Alliant Bank, 201 S. Baltimore Street in Kirksville. Check by Mail: Make payable to "The Food Bank" with "Adair County Buddy Pack" in the memo to: The Food Bank, 2101 Vandiver Drive, Columbia, Mo. 65202. All funds stay in the county. Participating schools include Kirksville Primary, Ray Miller, Brashear and Novinger. Sponsored by Alliant Bank and Kirksville Daily Express.

### Join the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee

The Kirksville Area Chamber of Commerce encourages businesses and their employees (ages 21-40) to become involved in the Kirksville Young Professionals Committee, which focuses on retaining and engaging young professionals in the area through lunch & learn opportunities, professional development, and other various events. KVYP is here to help them connect with

the community. They meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m., in the Hampton Inn Truman Room or via zoom. Feel free to reach out to KirksvilleYP@gmail.com for more information about KVYP or to get the Zoom Link for meetings. You are also more than welcome to join them at future events.

### Indoor walking activity for seniors at the Crossing Church

The RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Persons) office sponsors a walking activity five days a week during winter months for seniors to walk inside the Crossing Church location on Shepard Street from 9:30 a.m. until noon, Monday through Friday. This is only for senior citizens — 55 or older. They have volunteers "manning" the location and seniors are welcome any time during that time period. They ask that you sign in. There is no charge and you may come any or all days. If the schools are closed, they are not open because of weather. As of April 1, the Crossing will only be open on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday each week. It will be rain free, wind free, and cool on

### Accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award

The Missouri Livestock Symposium is currently accepting applications for the Missouri Livestock Achievement Award. This award recognizes an individual or organization demonstrating outstanding achievements and distinguished contributions to the livestock industry. Eligible applicants can be producers of livestock, agribusiness personnel, agency personnel, or agriculture educators in the state of Missouri. Other parties who have been long-time supporters of the Missouri livestock industry will also be considered. The award recognizes livestock industry leaders from across the state. The selected applicant will become a member of the Missouri Livestock Symposium Hall of Fame and will be inducted during the Friday evening program of the Missouri Livestock Symposium on Dec. 1. The award nomination form can be received by emailing missourilivestock@gmail.com and requesting the form, or by contacting the Adair County Extension office at 660-665-9866. The Missouri Livestock Symposium is Dec. 1-2, at William Mathew Middle School. Go to missourilivestock.com or our Facebook page @MissouriLivestock for more details.

## CAMPAIGN

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The United Way will also preview their 2024 Campaign Film: "The Faces of the United Way", which was produced by Ryan Halstead of Halstead Photography. "Many people know of our agencies but are unaware of the unselfish work the staff of these agencies provide and the clients they serve daily," said Selby. "One in three

people within our six county service area uses these agencies."

Northeast Missouri counties served by the UWNEMO agencies include Adair, Macon, Putnam, Schuyler, Scotland and Sullivan. "Ninety-nine percent of our donations stay in Northeast Missouri," Selby added.

The kickoff event is sponsored by Elizabeth Gregory of eXp Realty. UWNEMO agencies include: Nemo Senior Citizens Services, Adair County Family YMCA, Girl Scouts of Eastern



Missouri, Macon Community Child Development Center (CCDC), Boy Scouts of America Great Rivers Council, Macon Diversified Industries, Hospice of Northeast Missouri, Community Opportunities, Adair County 4 H, Heartland RSVP, and the Salvation Army.

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## ROBIN WRITES

## It has a first name

In a world of deli meats whose varieties belie their similar appearances and specialty sandwiches stuffed with more style than protein, a slab of bologna between two slices of white bread is a raft of satisfying sanity.

Since early last century, when it was first formulated from discarded bits and organ meats, bologna became the first genuine leftover food. And as with all leftovers, bologna was “good enough” fare for eaters looking for cheaper meals.

The Depression and World War II gave bologna sales a boost. Why, you could feed your family of four with a slab of bologna without thought of blowing your ration budget. Workers, soldiers, and school child carried a sandwich with him to his daily grind. They ate it and liked it. Or did without.

But we liked it. We used to have simple palates with little need for frou-frou. Once we hiked those five miles to school on worn soles, we needed only bologna for lunch. Just something to chew and wash down with a liquid. And, yes, some of us had to walk in deep snow.

Ahem. Anyway, bologna was already a modest family's staple when manufacturers learned to vacuum pack meats. It would stay moist and fresh for days. Just the way we liked our bologna. We ate it through the '60s, taking sandwiches to school with only a little worry



ROBIN GARRISON LEACH  
ROBIN WRITES

that the lukewarm meat we chomped at noon was still good.

Then, in the '70s, Oscar Meyer released the secret marketing weapon that indoctrinated an entire generation to the multi-meat circles that would make our tummies sing with joy:

There he was, sitting on a dock on a sunny, breezy day. His four-year-old body was chunky from his obvious love of bologna and his curly hair framed the smiling face that would perform one of the most recognizable and popular commercials in history.

Fishing pole (tiny) in one hand and a diagonal-cut half-sandwich in the other, this cherub of consumerism opened his mouth and sang the virtues of bologna in alphabetical perfection:

“My boloney has a first name: it's O-S-C-A-R. My baloney has a second name: it's M-A-Y-E-R...”

His tiny sneakers wobbled with the effort of spelling. By the time he finished the ditty and took a happy bite of his sandwich, there was no need to wonder whether or

not he caught a fish.

The world was hooked. On him...and B-O-L-O-G-N-A.

Every person with a TV began singing and spelling our favorite meat and its genius manufacturer. We gave the song an 85 on the American Bandstand chart. (It ‘had a good beat and you could dance to it’.)

Sales soared and took Wonder white bread along for the ride. Few people ate their bologna sandwiches with fancy wheat or—gasp—rye bread in my memory. It was white square, tan circle, white bread.

Maybe we added a little something to our sandwich. Mustard, lettuce, a thin onion slice, or mayo. And that was okay. But most of us just slapped the meat on the bread and ate it.

I was a bread smasher. I'd put the bologna on the bread, top it with the other slice of bread, and make a CPR fist of my hands. Squish. Less bread to chew through and a better bite to that bologna. And, if the bread was a bit stale, smashing it paper-thin eliminated the stiffness.

Bologna sales have dropped as we've become fancier and more aware of our health. Hodge-podge meat is probably not good for us. I'm eating other meats more often now (though still squishing my bread).

But, in its day, there was nothing better. More filling. And nothing that said home to many of us more than a sandwich of good old:

B-O-L-O-G-N-A.

## HOME COUNTRY

## A process of naming works of art

We all read about Pastor Jeff's latest tribulation in the local paper, the Valley Weekly

Miracle. Maybe tribulation is too strong a word, because, after all, when someone leaves your church a huge legacy, isn't it time for re-joining? Shouldn't we all be walking around the walls of Jericho tooting on ram's horns and beating the drums in jubilation? It seems one of Pastor Jeff's former church members — a kinda strange former church member — went off to the city some years ago and became a fairly well-known painter of pictures. When this eccentric artist went to that great studio in the sky recently, leaving no family, his will left everything to Pastor Jeff's congregation. There was a little money, which was welcomed, naturally, but the main item was paintings. More than a thousand of them. They are now the property of Pastor Jeff's church. They have filled the basement with them and they're threatening to crowd the pie-cooling counter in the ladies' kitchen area, which just can't happen.

They must be sold, of course, but there is one catch: none of them are named, and everyone knows a painting must have a name or else it's not a real work of art. These paintings are from the school of abstract expressionism, which means there's a lot of bright paint on them, and if you can look at one and figure out what it's supposed to be, the artist failed.

A painting-naming committee was formed, naturally, and the last we heard, had about a dozen paint-



SLIM RANGLES  
HOME COUNTRY

ings named, based loosely on what some wild curve or blob on the canvas brought to someone's mind.

Of course, down at the Mule Barn truck stop's philosophy counter and world dilemma think tank, we came up with a solution in about three cups' time.

The trick, we decided, is to blend nonsensical words together, because anyone who would buy one of these paintings has an obvious contempt for reality in the first place. So we came up with a formula. Make a list and name a painting an amalgamation/dynamism/cataclysm/rudiment/despotism/heraldry/approximation-ofsin/pulchritude/embellishment/innocence/hitchhiking/world order/fishing season/spaghetti feeds/lassitude/ennui/cyclamates.

You simply pick one from one column, one from the other column, slap 'em together and there you go. With seven in the first column and 11 in the second column, the naming committee can instantly name at least 77 paintings. And this was just during three cups of Mavis's best. A hard-working church committee could name a thousand paintings during one of Pastor Jeff's sermons and be back in business in time for the benediction.

I'm putting my dibs down on Despotism of Pulchritude. Hope I don't get outbid.

Read the first novel ever published in Alaska — *The Long Dark* by Slim Randles. <https://archive.org/details/longdark000slim>

## PUBLIC HEALTH CORNER

## Recovery Month celebrates gains made over substance abuse

By Brandon Carlyle, B.S., CHES®  
Health Educator, Adair County Health Department

Welcome to this week's Public Health Corner, where we raise awareness for healthy living, community resources and pressing issues that may affect the health of our community. This week we are going to discuss Substance use and Mental Health Recovery. September marks the beginning of National Recovery Month.

Recovery Month celebrates the gains made by those in recovery from substance use and mental health, just as we celebrate improvements made by those who are managing other health conditions such as hypertension, diabetes, asthma and heart disease. Showing support to people who are overcoming substance use disorders can encourage them and help them on their journey towards sobriety and a fulfilling life.

Reducing stigma is important, and we should all do our part to support those suffering from this disease and encourage them to seek treatment. Addiction can happen to anyone. According to the CDC, one in seven Americans reports experiencing a substance use disorder.

Substance Use Disorder (SUD) is a treatable, chronic disease that can affect people of any race, gender, income level, or social class. No one driving factor leads to SUD. Some people may use drugs to help cope with stress or trauma or to help with mental health issues. Some may develop a SUD after misusing opioids that are prescribed to them by doctors. In any case, using drugs over time may cause changes in a person's brain, leading to intense cravings and continued use. Not only does this lessen the brain's



ability to resist temptation, but it can also affect the amount of pleasure a person receives from normal, healthy activities like enjoying food or the company of others.

Some may view acknowledging and receiving treatment for an SUD as a sign of personal failure and weakness. The associated shame felt by patients and families can make it difficult to seek treatment. Finding a doctor who is comfortable discussing SUDs can help ensure long-term recovery and connect you to evidence-based treatment methods. If you are suffering with an SUD, contact your provider and seek help.

Addiction is a disease, not a character flaw. People suffering from SUDs have trouble controlling their drug use even though they know drugs are harmful. Overcoming a SUD is not as simple as resisting the temptation to take drugs through willpower alone. Recovery may involve medication to help with cravings and withdrawal as well as different forms of therapy. It may even require checking into a rehabilitation facility.

Recovery can be challenging, but it is possible. Reoccurrence of use may happen to people who use drugs and can happen even years after not taking the substance. More than anything, reoccurrence of use may be a sign that more treatment or a different method is needed. A routine review of one's treatment plan may be necessary to determine if another method could be more effective.

If you think that someone you know is experiencing an overdose and you aren't sure, treat it like an overdose; you could save a life.

Call 911 immediately Administer naloxone (Narcan), if available. This life saving medication can be acquired for FREE in the Adair County Health Department's Clinic.

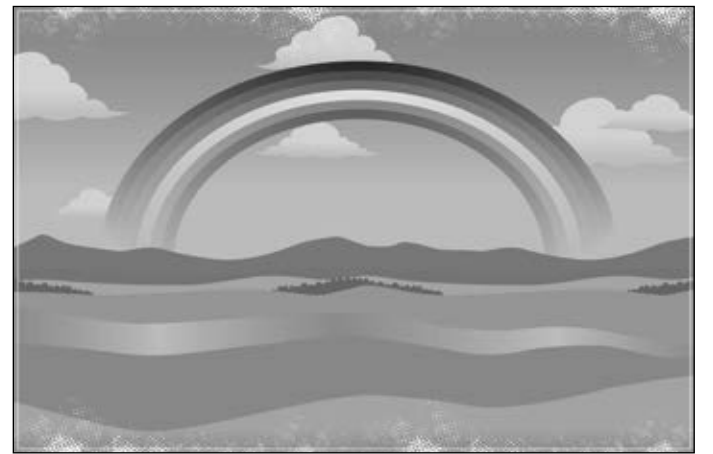
Try to keep the person awake and breathing.

Lay the person on their side to prevent choking.

Stay with the person until emergency assistance arrives.

We can all do our part to reduce the stigma associated with substance use disorder and create an environment where individuals feel safe and comfortable seeking treatment towards recovery.

## POETRY CORNER



## If the Sky Were a Canvas

If the sky were a canvas...  
and my hand was a brush,  
From my fingers... brilliant colors would flow.  
I'd fill the sky...  
with rainbows and sunbeams,  
So darkness... you'd never know.

— Daniel D. Donovan

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## TURNING THE PAGE

This Week  
in Local  
History

By Larry Evans

**115 Years Ago, September 18, 1908**

Reports reached Kirksville that a pot of gold was found on the Jake Abernathy farm in Morrow Township in northwest Adair County. According to the information first printed in the Greencastle Journal, a pot of gold was buried by John Gilmore in 1862 or 1863 during the Civil War on Abernathy's farm. For some unknown reason Abernathy chose not to look for the gold. Reports of the gold being buried on the Abernathy farm had circulated in the community since the end of the war. Mr. Abernathy seemingly took little interest in the matter until a party came along with a machine that located hidden metal. Abernathy decided to give the machine a try, and a location was identified. After digging down some twenty feet an iron pot was found that contained the long talked about gold. Abernathy remained quiet about the find, but it was reported that between \$850 and \$1,000 in gold was contained in the pot.

**85 Years Ago, September 19, 1938**

Frost, and in some locations snow, arrived in Adair County. The unusually cool weather climaxed a six-day cool wave which routed the usual pleasant temperatures of the month of September. Snow flurries were observed at Millard, and the temperature there dropped to 34 degrees.

**85 Years Ago, September 25, 1938**

Three Kirksville boys, Rollie Dale Smith, his brother Floyd, and Foster Phillips, were driving along a country road south of Novinger and saw a snake go across the road. Wanting to have some fun, Smith jumped out of the car to see if he could kill the snake. Seeing it disappear in some weeds Smith grabbed the tail of the snake and flipped it up and down until the snake was dead. Just then Smith saw that he had just been flirting with death because the snake was a four-foot-long diamond back rattlesnake. The rattler had nine rattles and a button and was as big around as a man's wrist. Luckily the fangs had not struck Smith. In the future he planned to find out what kind of reptile he was playing with!

**80 Years Ago, September 17, 1943**

At a meeting of the Kirksville Chamber of Commerce, Kirksville businesses agreed unanimously to join in the nation's program to conserve electricity in their businesses. World War II was raging, and the U.S. government established the energy conservation program to conserve coal, tungsten, and manpower. The public was requested to reduce the use of electrical current to the extent such reductions did not endanger public safety or eyesight. Kirksville businesses planned to discontinue use of all neon signs, indoor decorative lighting, and all outdoor signs during the daytime and when the business was closed at night. The goal of the government agency, Office of War Utilities, was seeking a five per cent reduction in electrical consumption throughout the nation to support the war effort.

**80 Years Ago, September 22, 1943**

Novinger area World War II serviceman, and an acclaimed war hero in the U.S. Army Air Force, 22-year-old Lyle Adams was again honored with the U.S. War Department's Distinguished Flying Cross. He had previously been awarded the Air Medal, Oak Leaf Cluster and Silver Star for gallantry in action. Adams was serving with the Eighty Army Air Force in England. Captain Adams was first pilot of the Flying Fortress's "Unmentionable Ten" and had successfully completed in excess of 25 missions over occupied territory in Europe. He distinguished himself

as a skillful pilot in attacks in Belgium, France, and Germany. Adams was called to active service July 10, 1941 (before the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor). At the time he was six months shy of completing work for his degree at the Teachers' College (Truman State University). Adams, a graduate of Novinger High School, was the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Adams.

**45 Years Ago, September 20, 1978**

The Adair County Sheriff's Department and Kirksville Police were investigating an incident in which someone fired nine shots from an automatic rifle into the home of Sheriff Jim Kemp at 403 Monte Carlo. According to Sheriff Kemp, he and his wife heard noises at 1:50 a.m. but did not realize their house had been a target until later in the day. Kemp said that his wife woke up when she heard noises like someone throwing rocks at their house. Kemp looked out the window but did not see anyone or anything suspicious. The Kemps then returned to bed. Mrs. Kemp discovered the damage from the shots the next morning after she found a bullet lying on the floor of her home. The sheriff later found that one of the bullets was lodged near the headboard of his bed. After examining the exterior of their home, the Kemps discovered seven bullet holes in the front and sides of the building and two bullet holes in their trailer that was parked in front of their house. The bullets recovered from the house were being sent to a lab for examination but were believed to be fired from a .22 caliber automatic rifle.

**45 Years Ago, September 20, 1978**

The Anheuser-Busch Champion eight-horse hitch paraded around the downtown square in Kirksville. The world-famous Clydesdales were viewed by several hundred people. The horses and their drivers travel around the western half of the United States and are the horses used in television commercials.

**35 Years Ago, September 18, 1988**

The 25th Annual Red Barn Arts and Crafts Festival concluded after a successful two-day show. A total of 72 exhibitors displayed crafts and works of art at Gazebo Park and Old Town Square. Dana Forrester's water color exhibit was named "Best of the Show." Forrester, a resident of Independence, Missouri was a 1965 graduate of Kirksville High School and a 1969 graduate of NMSU (Northeast Missouri State University, now Truman State University). Other winners in the show were Jennifer Williams, winner of both the water color competition and drawing competition. Ron Hediger took second place and Jerry Brown earned honorable mention in the water color competition. Charles Pritchard won the wood sculpture competition.

**35 Years Ago, September 18, 1988**

The Prisoner of War Medal was being awarded to several local former POWs. The POWs received the award for their sacrifice in support of their country's involvement in the wars of the 20th century. Those who received the award were Charles W. "Bill" Pearce, imprisoned seven months in Europe; Arthur Thompson, six months in Europe; Robert Skinner, eleven months in Europe; Andrew Miller 42 months in Japan and China; Vance R. Frick, 14 months in Korea; Edward Vansickle, nine months in Germany; Willaim T. Minor, 18 months in Germany; and Robert D. Funk, 13 months in Germany. The Prisoner of War Medal was authorized by Congress for any person who served honorably as a prisoner of war.

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## EMBRACING LOCAL HISTORY

Part 69

Life of William  
Henry Parcels Jr.  
— Chapter 2

By Blytha Ellis, President

Adair County Historical  
Society and Museum

Only two months after burying Eliza Jane, the love of his life and the mother of his 10 children, William Henry Parcels Jr. suffered through the indignity of having his estate overrun by Union soldiers during the Battle of Kirksville on August 6, 1862.

William's mother, Catherine, at age 66, had become the caretaker of 10 children when her daughter-in law, Eliza Jane, died. By the end of the day on August 6, 1862, she had received the unexpected burden, right in her own home, of ministering to wounded and dying Union soldiers, a task which she did with sincere concern and compassion, even though she and her family were Confederate sympathizers!

The stately Parcels mansion received damage when one of the Union cannons was accidentally fired while stationed on the property. Although no one was injured by this accident, the cannonball reportedly remained lodged in the structure for many years. After the Union soldiers were long gone from the Parcels property, and near the end of the Civil War, 49-year-old William Parcels married a second wife, 23-year-old Susan Nancy Kimbrough of Adair County. Her ancestry leads back to some of the early settlers in "The Cabins" community of Adair County. (See Parts 23 and 24 of this history column.) Susan's grandfather was Jesse Jones, a wealthy land and slave owner in the early 1840s in Adair County. Susan was one of three daughters of the widow, Martha Wells (Jones) Kimbrough, who became the second wife of Washington Conner, another earlier settler who was previously discussed.

William Henry Parcels Jr. and his new wife, Susan, had three children: Robert Jones Parcels (1865-1945) who is buried in Sullivan County, Mo. Mary Olivia Parcels (1867-1870) who died at age 3; and Hattie Lee Parcels (1871-1901) who married her first cousin, Milton Lough Parcels (1866-1924), the son of her father's brother, Horatio Sutton Parcels (1830-1891). Milton became an osteopathic physician and practiced in California where he and Hattie raised two sons, Milton Jr. and William Henry, named for his grandfather.

On September 27, 1884, in Kirksville, William Henry Parcels Jr.'s mother, Catherine (Ferguson) Parcels died. She had spent her life caring for her own 10 children, then the 10 children of her son, William, and daughter-in-law, Eliza Jane, and also ministering to wounded soldiers after the Battle of Kirksville. By all accounts, she was a humble, caring woman, well known and respected in Adair County. She was the last of the three Ferguson sisters who had reunited on the west bank of the Chariton River in Adair County in 1839. (See Part 56 of this history.) The other two Ferguson sisters were Jane Linder who died in Adair County in 1866 and Sarah Miller who passed away in Oregon in 1867.

In September 1884, William notified an old acquaintance of his mother's death, a man who was now a brigadier general in St. Louis. The general promptly sat down and wrote a letter back to William which he dated October 25, 1884. That general was John McNeil, the former Colonel who commanded the Union forces when they camped on the Parcels Plantation during the Battle of Kirksville. The letter reads as follows:

"My dear friend,

Yours of the 23rd of this month informing me of the death of your good mother the 28th September gives me deep concern. At her advancing age, this event could not long be delayed, but death, the most certain thing in life, is always sudden and always shocking to us. She has gone to her rest after a well-spent life, and her memory will be like the odor of sweet flowers. She richly deserves the praise of your local press, and many a grateful heart will respond to its encomiums.

How well I remember that evening when die-hard necessities of war compelled the occupation of your house for hospital purposes. She had no word of complaint or remonstrance, but at once did everything in her power to relieve the wounded and to make them comfortable. Had they been her own children, she could not have been kinder to them. Men still living that served in Iowa, Wisconsin, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan and Missouri troops will remember with gratitude her tender kindness and motherly care, and each shed a manly tear at her loss.

My family joins me in assurances of sympathy. The daughter who was at Kirksville with me and at your house is now living in Philadelphia. Although this was years ago, she will remember your mother and join with us in preserving that memory. Your turn and mine will soon come. May we each be as worthy of the grateful recollection of those we leave to mourn us. — Your friend, Esq. John McNeil.

The Honorable William Henry Parcels Jr., who earned that title as a Missouri State Representative, later in life moved from his palatial mansion on east Illinois St. to the Radical Ridge community four miles southeast of Kirksville. He died at that home on January 19, 1898, the year that construction began on the current Adair County Courthouse. He was buried in Forest Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville beside his first wife, Eliza Jane (Miller) Parcels (1818-1862), which is also near his mother's grave. The location of their graves is immediately behind (south of) the Baird mausoleum, the only mausoleum in Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery. Although Eliza Jane has a tall, spiral tombstone, William, who died 36 years later, was not given a marker, nor was his name added to her stone.

This oversight was rectified in 2017 when the city of Kirksville, the Friends of Forest-Llewellyn Cemetery and the Adair County Historical Society teamed up to provide a tombstone for William. This was dedicated on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at a Kirksville Founders Day celebration.

After William's death, his second wife, Susan, went to California to live with their daughter, Hattie, and her husband, Dr. Milton Parcels. Susan died in 1932 at the age of 90 and is assumed to be buried in California.

William had six younger brothers for whom he facilitated an education and helped them become success-



Catherine T. (Ferguson) Parcels  
1796-1884  
Mother of William Henry Parcels Jr.  
Cared for wounded Union soldiers after the  
Battle of Kirksville in 1862

ful in life after their father died. Records also show that William gave his brothers a running start by training them to work in his Kirksville mercantile business. Beginning from oldest to youngest, William's brothers were: Thomas Beider Parcels (1817-1893) who worked as a merchant and a carpenter before becoming a successful cattle dealer, landowner and farmer in Adair County.

John Ferguson Parcels (1820-1859) worked as a merchant and chose to return to Coles Co., Ill., where he married and had a family but died at 38.

Edwin Winship Parcels (1822-1912) remained in Kirksville and managed a farm as well as worked as a dry goods merchant. He is buried in Forest Llewellyn Cemetery in Kirksville.

Robert Miller Parcels (1827-1902) also worked as a merchant in Kirksville then moved near some of his relatives in Coles County, Ill., where he continued as a merchant. He was then involved in banking and mining in Denver with his youngest brother, James. By the late 1890s, Robert and his family had moved to Los Angeles where another brother, Horatio, lived. Robert died there, but his body was interred back in Coles County, Ill., beside the graves of four of his children who died in childhood.

William had a brother and also a son named Horatio Parcels. His brother, Horatio (1830-1891), was 10 years old when their father died on the west side of the Chariton River in Adair County in 1840. Horatio worked in William's store, then, in 1858, was appointed Kirksville Postmaster. He accumulated real estate, married a local girl, and they had three sons. They moved to Illinois in 1862, and on to Los Angeles by 1870. There, Horatio was involved in real estate and established the Parcels Brothers L.A. Abstract Co. He died in 1891 and is buried in L.A.

The youngest brother was James Peter Parcels (1833-1915) who led the most colorful life of all. In his early life, he was in the mercantile and banking business at Charleston, Coles County, Ill. Later, he and his brother, Robert, were in the banking and mining business in Denver. He was married to a St. Louis girl and they had two daughters. All three tragically died early in life. James' second wife and their 41-year-old son also preceded him in death.

While in St. Louis, James was one of the large stockholders in the Southern Hotel and owned a third interest in the Parcels, Waldron & Jordan shoe factory. His home was one of the finest in St. Louis. He traveled extensively in Europe and lived several months in Australia, South America, Africa and other countries.

James lived the last 35 years of his life in Kirksville where he was eventually reduced to staying in a cheap hotel in poverty because of his love for cards and gambling. He died at 82. The last line in his 1915 obituary reads, "He was affectionately known as 'Uncle Jimmie' by a large number of Kirksville people who will miss this familiar figure tapping along with his cane on the streets."

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## Tractor Supply completes remodel of Kirksville store

By Tractor Supply

Tractor Supply announced the completion of the remodel of the entire store at the Kirksville location that will transform the shopping experience for local customers.

The enhanced store features an improved layout for convenient and accessible shopping as well as a new Customer Service Hub with upgraded digital tools to help customers find what they need. Additionally, customers can now shop from an expanded assortment of apparel, tools, hardware, pet food, animal feed and more.

"At Tractor Supply, we constantly work to improve the customer experience, from product offerings to in-store features. These exciting upgrades have completely transformed our store, making it an even better option for customers shopping for Life Out Here," said Cheyenne Pinkerton, manager of the Kirksville Tractor Supply store. "We are excited for customers to visit our new space that now features more products than ever before, including our new ap-

parel department, expanded feed and food selection and broader tool assortment. We know that customers will love these upgrades as much as we do, and we hope to share them with both familiar and new faces from the Kirksville community."

With these enhancements, the Kirksville Tractor Supply continues to serve the needs of homeowners, livestock and pet owners, gardeners, hobby farmers, ranchers, tradesmen and others. Tractor Supply customers can shop from a wide range of products including workwear and boots, equine and pet supplies, zero turns and riding mowers, pet food, lawn and garden supplies, power tools, fencing, welding and more.

The Kirksville Tractor Supply store, at 1700 N. Baltimore St., keeps regular business hours from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. To learn more about Tractor Supply Company, visit TractorSupply.com. For information on Tractor Supply's Neighbor's Club loyalty program, please visit NeighborsClub.com.

## KIRKSVILLE POLICE BLOTTER: SEPT. 13-14, 2023

### ARREST REPORTS

#### SEPT. 15-18

Assault/Domestic 4th Degree 1st/2nd Offense (M A), Alejandro Figueroa Suez, Kirksville

Drugs Amphetamine Sell/Deliver (F C), Tiffany Lynelle Hodges, Kirksville

No Valid License-1st Offense (M), Jose Fausto Lopez Gomez, Milan

Warrant, Camron D. Bunch, Kirksville

Warrant-Adair County Damarion Montez Robinson, Kirksville

Warrant-Probation and Parole, Cole County Warrant, Ulisses Gabriel Baxley, Kirksville

#### SEPT. 18-19

Drugs/Possession (F) of Controlled Substance (F D), Charles E. Veatch, Kirksville

Harassment 1st Degree, Andrew L. Payton, Kirksville

Protective Custody, Solomon Ticha, Kirksville

Warrant, Brianna Nowak, Topeka

Warrant-FTO Bond Conditions, Amanda L. Thompson, Kirksville

### INCIDENT REPORTS

#### SEPT. 13

7:18 a.m., MVA/Injury, Road Blocked, 1207 S. Baltimore Street

7:28 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1207 Omar Street

7:59 a.m., Animal Complaint, 1401 E. Highland Avenue

9:04 a.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 600 Block of South High Street

9:12 a.m., Theft/In Progress, Stealing Motor Fuel (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street

9:13 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1010 E. Cottonwood Street

10:49 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2105 E. Normal Avenue, Cindy Vanlaningha, 36



11 a.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing-Postal or Delivery Item, 1214 W. Hildreth Street

11:04 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2010 E. Normal Avenue, Virgil Travis, 78

11:16 a.m., Narcotics/Trash Pickup, Traffic Stop, 149 Valley Forge Drive

11:18 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2010 E. Normal Avenue, Lisa Snyder, 57

12:31 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing (F A), 505 S. High Street

12:54 p.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 2104 S. Marion Street

1:24 p.m., Fraud, Identity Theft 1st Offense (M B), 119 E. McPherson Street

1:46 p.m., Traffic Stop, Driving While Revoked/Suspended 1st Offense (M D), 1404 N. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Travis Buchanan

2:32 p.m., Theft/Not in Progress, Stealing Motor Fuel (M), 2214 N. Baltimore Street

3:08 p.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Fire Lane, 2206 N. Baltimore Street

3:26 p.m., Burglary/Not in Progress, Stealing From Building (M), 1210 E. Washington Street

3:54 p.m., Warrant, 516 S. Main Street, Arrestee: Lindsey Curley, 26

3:56 p.m., Harassment, 915 W. Locust Street

6:28 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism (M) 2nd Degree, 1303 E. McPherson Street

6:55 p.m., Traffic Stop, 3715 N. Baltimore Street, Jennifer Laws, 45

7:49 p.m., Traffic Stop, East Cottonwood Street, Richard Smith, 40

8 p.m., Domestic Disturbance, 2104 S. Marion Street

8:09 p.m., Traffic Stop, South Osteopathy Street, Johnna Campbell, 46

9:25 p.m., Assault/Simple, Peace Disturbance-Fighting and Quarreling, 2214 N. Baltimore Street

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12:14 a.m., Traffic Stop, Warrant X6, 712 E. Washington Street, Arrestee: Nicholas Rhoads, 26

4:15 a.m., Warrant, 1401 S. Baltimore Street, Arrestee: Kezekiya Wel, 51

6:40 a.m., MVA/vs. Animal, Minor, South Baltimore Street

7:31 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1207 Omar Street

7:48 a.m., Animal/Trap, 1401 E. Highland Street

9:11 a.m., Property Lost-Recovered, 112 E. Patterson Street

9:16 a.m., Missing Person, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 405 W. Shepherd Avenue

9:43 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2202

E. Normal Avenue, Mark Laughlin, 79

9:59 a.m., Traffic Stop, 2000 E. Normal Avenue, Joseph Shoop, 52

10:02 a.m., Traffic Stop, South Hamilton Street, Robert Cook, 51

10:12 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 1113 W. Smith Street

10:23 a.m., Traffic Stop, Hamilton Street Desiree Gardner, 39

10:44 a.m., Animal/Loose-Running at Large, 708 W. Burton Street

11:28 a.m., MVA/Minor, 215 N. Elson Street

12:42 p.m., Parking Complaint, Parked in Yellow Zone, 600 Block of South High Street

1:48 p.m., Runaway-Returned, 1101 S. Jamison Street

3:49 p.m., Suspicious/Activity, Domestic Disturbance, 315 E. Hickory Street

4:15 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism (M) 2nd Degree, 2200 E. Normal Avenue

4:30 p.m., Motor Vehicle Theft, Suspicious-Person, Activity, Vehicle, 1501 N. Main Street

4:49 p.m., Property/Damage Vandalism, 201 N. Centennial Avenue

5:15 p.m., Littering, North Marion Street

5:54 p.m., Assisting Other Agency, 707 W. Elizabeth Street

7:10 p.m., Trespass/Refuse to Leave, 1700 N. Centennial Avenue

SEPT. 15

12:07 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 918 W. Martha Street

2:47 a.m., Domestic Disturbance/Verbal, 601 N. Elson Street

## Liberty gas rates to slightly increase

By Missouri Public Service Commission

JEFFERSON CITY—Natural gas rates for Liberty Utilities customers will change under a filing that will take effect on Oct. 1. The rate change reflects the Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider (WNAR) which authorizes rate adjustments based on weather variations. The purpose of the tariff is to adjust revenues for differences between actual heating degree days and normal heating degree days.

Under the Liberty Utilities filing, a residential customer using 100 Ccf's (10,000 cubic feet) of natural gas in a given billing month will see an increase of approximately \$3.05 a month in Liberty Utilities'

Northeast and West Districts. Natural gas rates will increase by approximately \$2.39 a month for a residential customer using approximately 100 Ccf's of natural gas in a given billing month in Liberty Utilities' Southeast District.

Liberty Utilities serves approximately 52,500 natural gas customers in Missouri. The Northeast and West District service area includes the Missouri counties of Adair, Clark, Knox, Lewis, Macon, Marion, Pike, Ralls, Schuyler, Scotland, Bates, Cass, Henry and St. Clair. The Southeast District service area includes the counties of Butler, Cape Girardeau, Dunklin, Iron, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemiscot, Ripley, Scott, Stoddard and Wayne.

### Staff Reports

The following is a list of general highway maintenance work the Missouri Department of Transportation has planned in the Northern Missouri region for the next few weeks. All road closures and planned roadwork may be viewed on the Traveler Information Map at <http://traveler.modot.org/map/>. Inclement weather may cause schedule changes in some of the planned work. There may also be moving operations throughout the region, in addition to the work mentioned below. MoDOT asks drivers to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, slowing down and moving over in work zones.

#### Macon County

U.S. Route 36 (Westbound) – Sept. 20, Lane restriction for patching operations from 0.5 mile East and West of Route C and Route O at Bevier between 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 19 and 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (Westbound) – Sept. 20 – 21, Lane restriction for patching operations from 0.5 mile East and West of Route C and Route O at Bevier between



8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 20 and 8 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (Eastbound) – Sept. 25 – 26, Lane restriction for patching operations from 0.5 mile East to one mile West of Fireworks Avenue between 8 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 25 and 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 26. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 36 (Eastbound) – Sept. 26, Lane restriction for patching operations from 0.5 mile East to 1 mile West of Fireworks Avenue between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 63 (Northbound) – Sept. 27 – 28, Lane restriction for patching operations from Karma Street to Route Y between 7 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27 and 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 28. A 12-foot

width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

U.S. Route 63 (Northbound) – Sept. 28, Lane restriction for patching operations from Laser Street to Kite Place between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. A 12-foot width restriction will be in place where crews are actively working.

#### Sullivan County

Route 5 – Intersection improvement project at Mid-Lake Road, Route N and Mayapple Road through early October. (Capital Paving and Construction, LLC) <https://www.modot.org/missouri-route-5-route-n-and-route-vv-new-pavement-construction-sullivan>

Through early November: Intersection improvements at Route 5 and Mid-Lake Road.

Traffic Impacts: Roadway will be narrowed to one-lane with flaggers directing motorists through the work zone. Motorists may face travel delays.

Through early November: Intersection improvements on Route 5 at the intersections of Route N and Mayapple Road.

Traffic Impacts: Roadway will be closed during construction. Motorists will be directed to follow the signed detour on Routes 6, J, Y, N and B.

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## Kirksville volleyball team drops 3 close sets to Hannibal Thursday

By Adam Tumino

The Kirksville volleyball team was back at home on Thursday for a tough matchup against conference foe Hannibal. The Tigers were looking for their first win over the Pirates since the 2019 season, but will have to wait a little longer. Hannibal picked up a 3-0 win on Thursday and have now won the last eight matchups. Kirksville fell back to .500 at 5-5 with the loss while Hannibal improved to 10-3.

Kirksville managed to come out strong in the first set, at one point leading 16-10 before the Pirates pushed back to take the set 25-20. Hannibal took a commanding 16-5 lead in the second set, but Kirksville went on a 11-4 run to cut the deficit to 20-16. Hannibal held on to take the set 25-19. The third set was a back-and-forth affair that was tied several times, the latest instance being at 19-19. Hannibal then scored the final six points to



The Kirksville volleyball team briefly huddles up after scoring a point against Hannibal on Sept. 21.

take the set and the match.

Kirksville head coach Melissa Dempsay said she saw the team starting to put together things that they have been working on lately, and that she liked the effort throughout the night.

“We’ve been installing new things in our offense and that’s definitely shown out there,” Dempsay said. “One of those

things we talked about at the beginning of the season is we have to hustle. Against teams like that you just can’t stop, because Hannibal’s program is phenomenal. They’re at the top of the conference probably every single year. It’s just something that we have to keep pushing.”

With the win, Hannibal’s winning percentage improved to 76.9%, which would be the highest since the team went 27-7-1 in 2012, a winning percentage of 77.1%. That’s not to say that the seasons between 2012 and this year have not also been good. The worst record the Pirates had in that span was 17-15 in 2014. They have been at least six games over .500 in every other season.

Dempsay said that, although there were certainly a lot of positives on Thursday, there were still some issues that a tough opponent like Hannibal can take advantage of.

One thing that I didn’t think we executed well tonight was we gave them way too many free balls,” she said. “Good teams like Hannibal, we can’t give them the ball. We just can’t, because they’re going to run their offense and they’re going to come back and hurt us. I told the girls, we were two or three passes from winning



Kirksville senior Grace LaBeth lunges forward to receive a serve against Hannibal on Sept. 21. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO



Kirksville head coach Melissa Dempsay addresses the team during a timeout against Hannibal on Sept. 21.

a set, winning two sets or three sets. The scores were very close.”

One thing Hannibal was unable to take advantage of, however, was an unfortunate injury situation for the Tigers. Junior Kynley Gresham had to leave the game after getting hurt in the second set with the Tigers trailing 16-5, but once replacement Brooklyn Decker took the court, the Tigers went on an 11-4 run.

Dempsay said she was very happy to see sophomore Decker step up, especially considering her very limited time at the varsity level this season.

“We put her in a spot that she’s not ever played, and actually just put her on the varsity roster probably a day or two ago,” Dempsay said. “I was really excited, the girls were really excited about how she played. Looking forward, she’s definitely someone that we’re going to be looking to

for some points here and there.”

The Tigers will head into a weekend tournament in Hallsville next before playing a pair of matches next week against Chillicothe on the road and Marshall at home. Of the teams the Tigers will be facing over the next week, only Marshall has seen them so far this season. Kirksville beat the Owls 3-2 in the season opener back on Aug. 29.

Dempsay said that the team has a good opportunity to try and execute some new aspects of their game against quality opponents during this stretch and as the end of the regular season starts to draw near.

“They all have winning records, except maybe one or two of them,” she said. “Any time you have an opportunity to play somebody else that doesn’t know our offense and our defense is what we need right now.”



Kirksville's Lili Donjuan (6) sets the ball as Ellen McNeely looks on during the match against Hannibal on Sept. 21.

## Local high school softball teams look to get hot for final few weeks

By Adam Tumino

We are now entering the final few weeks in the regular season for the local high school softball teams. Some will be looking to extend their high level of play into the postseason while others will be looking to hit their stride at the right time. Let’s take a look at what each team has done to this point and what lies ahead.

### Atlanta

The Hornets entered the season looking for their fifth-straight district title and to continue a streak of seasons at or above .500 that goes back to 2017. They got off to a 3-6 start, and still have time to bring their record well above the .500 mark before the district tournament begins.

Through those first nine games, the Hornets averaged 6.1 runs per game while allowing 9.4 runs per game. They have scored more than six runs per game in every season since 2012, but their 9.4 runs allowed average would be the highest for the team since 2016, the last time they finished below .500.

### Brashear

The Tigers got off to a nine-game start that is the opposite of Atlanta. They went 6-3 to open the season as they search for their first district title since 2011. After losing the season opener, Brashear rattled off four-straight wins with the average score of those games being 11.8-2.

The Tigers are averaging 7.4 runs per game so far, which matches their mark from last season while their average of 4.3 runs allowed per game is just slightly higher than last season. These numbers are inflated by losses of 13-0 and 11-0 against strong North Shelby and La Plata teams.

### Green City

The Gophers posted a winning record last season at 11-10 after posting losing records in four of the five seasons prior. A tough start to this season led to Green City starting 1-9. They dropped their first three games by a combined score of 52-20 before playing three-straight games decided by one run. They lost the first two



Kirksville senior Gracelynn Johnston looks to square up a pitch in the game against Highland on Sept. 14. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

by scores of 7-6 and 8-7 before scratching out their first win by beating Linn County 10-9 at home.

They are averaging 5.4 runs per game, not much below their average over the last three seasons of 6.2 runs per game. However they have allowed 11.5 runs per game so far.

### Kirksville

The Tigers got off to a hot start, going 7-2 in the first nine games this season. This strong stretch was cut off by a four-game losing streak, albeit against teams with a combined record of 50-20. They snapped the skid by winning three games in a row before then dropping back-to-back games by one run each to fall to 10-8.

The Tigers have not had an issue scoring overall this season. Their average of 7.2 runs per game is the highest since 2012. Their 4.7 runs allowed is the highest mark since 2018, when they allowed 5.5 runs per game. The Tigers still managed to win the district championship that year, the first of back-to-back titles for Kirksville.

### Knox County

The Eagles got off to a 2-6 start this season. Their first three losses came by an average of 9.3 runs while their next three losses were by an average margin of 2.7 runs per game. Their first win of the season was 12-11 over Marion County, followed two games later by a 19-3 win over Scotland County.

These highs and lows average out to 4.9 runs scored and 7.3 runs allowed per game this season.

### La Plata

The Bulldogs may have seen plenty of roster turnover the last few seasons after finishing third and second at state in 2020 and 2021, but the results have not changed much. After winning another district title last season, La Plata got off to an 11-2 start this season, their best 13-game start since they started 12-1 in 2018.

La Plata’s lineup has been electric so far, averaging a staggering 12.2 runs per game while their pitching has held opponents to 5.1 runs per game. They have five shutout wins this season and eight wins by 10 or more runs.

### Macon

The Tigers started 0-2, but then won seven of their next eight games to set the momentum toward a seventh-straight winning season. They now hold a record of 12-6, but have been playing a high number of close games this season.

They are averaging 6.2 runs per game and allowing 5.4, their closest scoring margin since 2019. They still have outscored their opponents on average every season since 2014. Twelve of their games have been decided by fewer than five runs.



La Plata senior Whitney Snow delivers a pitch in the game against Brashear on Sept. 15.

### Milan

The Wildcats are looking to avoid a second-straight losing season and got off to a 4-5 start this year. Their wins so far this season came by a combined score of 45-5 while their losses were a total of 52-13. A 1-2 start for Milan gave way to a three-game winning streak, which then gave way to a three-game losing streak.

Their average of 6.4 runs per game is the team’s highest since 2010, while their average of 6.3 runs per game is the third-lowest in the last seven seasons.

### Novinger

The Wildcats have already equaled their win total from the last two seasons combined with a 4-8 start to the season. Since winning a district title and going 13-9 in 2013, Novinger has averaged 2.4 wins per season from 2014 through last year.

They are averaging 8.2 runs per game and are allowed 9.7 runs per game, their closest scoring margin since they outscored opponents by an average score of 7 to 6.1 in 2013.

### Putnam County

The Midgets started the season 2-3 but then got hot, winning the next seven games in a row. During that streak, Putnam County outscored opponents by double digits three times and never allowed more than five runs in a game. They are in the middle of bouncing back from a 9-15 season in 2022,

their lowest win total since 2007.

Their lineup has been the most productive group for the Midgets in years, averaging 8.5 runs per game. That is an increase of 3.5 runs over last season’s average. They are allowing 5.1 runs per game, a decrease of 2.4 runs from last season.

### Schuyler County

The Rams had a tough start to the season, dropping their first six games and only scoring seven runs in that span while allowing 12 or more runs in each game. They then won three of their next seven games, allowing 16 runs in the three wins but 53 runs in the four losses.

On the season, they are scoring an average of 3.5 runs per game while allowing 11.8. They are also 0-5 at home and will finish with a losing record at home for the second time in three years after going .500 or better at home in each of the six previous seasons.

### Scotland County

The Tigers opened up the season with a 17-7 win over Novinger, but have not picked up another win since. They are now 1-11 on the season after going 7-18 last season. Seven of their 11 losses have been by 10 or more runs, but nearly broke through in a 5-4 loss to Atlanta on Sept. 5 and 9-6 loss to Paris on Sept. 19.

The Tigers are averaging 3.5 runs per game this season while allowing 12.3.

# Truman State heads to Detroit in search of 4-0 start

By Adam Tumino

The Truman State football team will be looking to wrap up a perfect non-conference schedule on the road in Detroit on Saturday. The 3-0 Bulldogs, coming off a 21-7 win over Saginaw Valley State, will play Wayne State in week four. Wayne State is 1-2 so far.

The Warriors have had their hands full so far this season. Their two losses have come against Slippery Rock and Indianapolis, teams currently ranked 12th and 16th in the AFCA Coaches Poll. Truman is currently just outside the top 25, having received the 28th most votes in the most recent poll.



Truman State head coach Gregg Nesbitt addresses the defense on the sideline during the game against Saginaw Valley State on Sept. 16. PHOTOS BY ADAM TUMINO

The Truman defense will have a chance to prove itself once again against a Wayne State offense that is ranked last in the GLI-AC in scoring and yards this season. Most of the

Warriors offensive success this season has come on the ground, which also happens to be where Truman's defense is strongest.

The Bulldogs have allowed 95.3 rushing yards per game



Truman State running back Tim Johnson Jr. looks to run by a Saginaw Valley State defender in the game on Sept. 16.

and just held Saginaw Valley, which ran for over 600 yards in the first two games, to just 81 yards on the ground. Wayne State is averaging 187.7 yards per game rushing, which accounts for near-

ly 64% of their offense.

Truman has been led this season by running back Mason Huskey, who is the GLVC's third-leading rusher with an average of 67.7 rushing yards per

game. He is tied for first in the conference with four touchdowns, three rushing and one receiving.

Truman defensive back Ben Thomas is tied for second in the conference with 16 solo tackles this season while linebackers Ulysses Ross and Isaiah Estes are tied for fifth with 13 each. Thomas and Ross are tied for third in total tackles while Estes is right behind them in fifth. Ross and Thomas are tied for the conference lead with four pass breakups.

The game is scheduled to kick off at noon central time. Next up for Truman will then be the start of conference play, which will begin on the road against McKendree on Sept. 30.

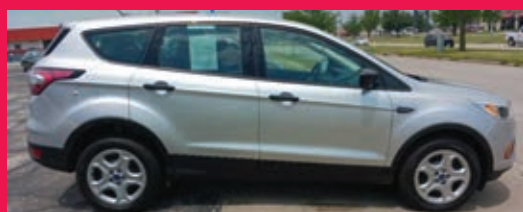
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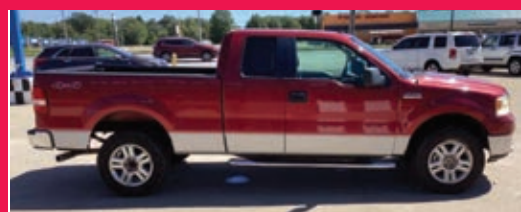
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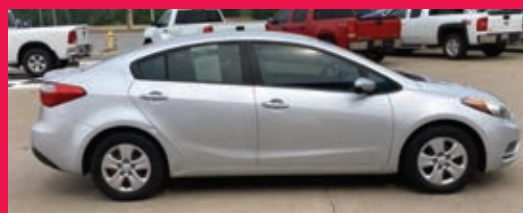
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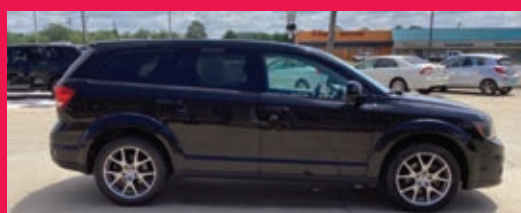
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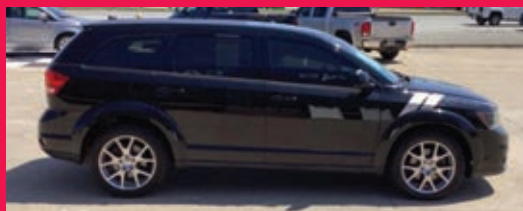
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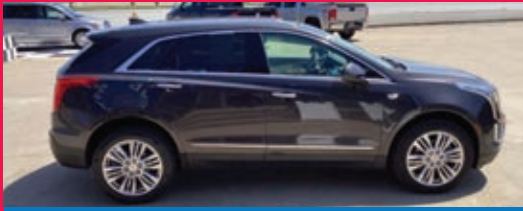
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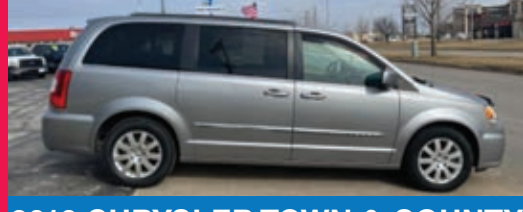
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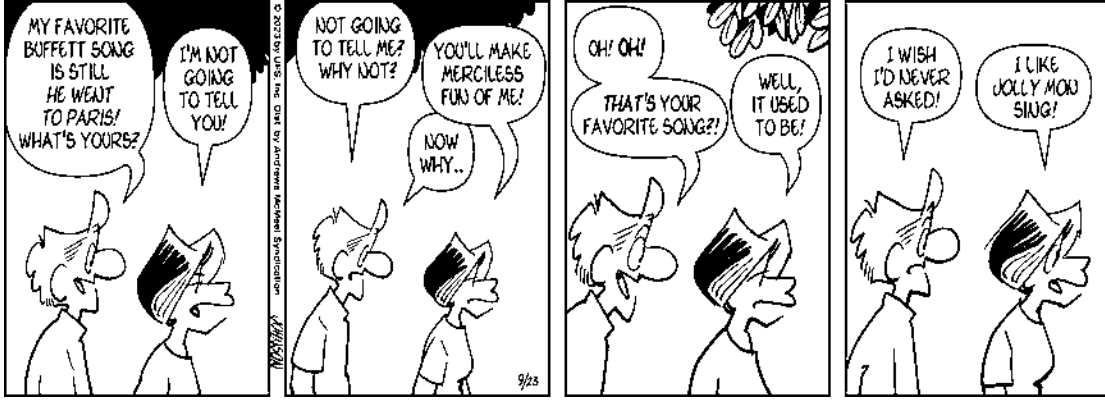
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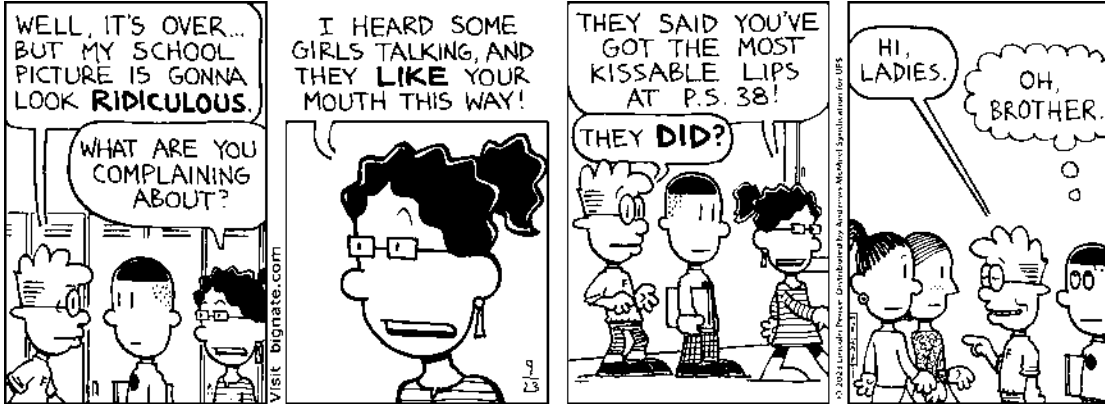
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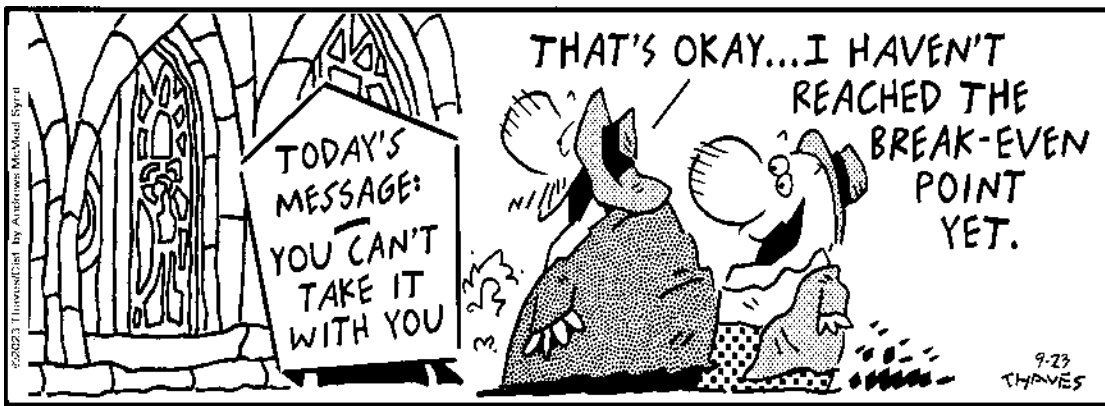
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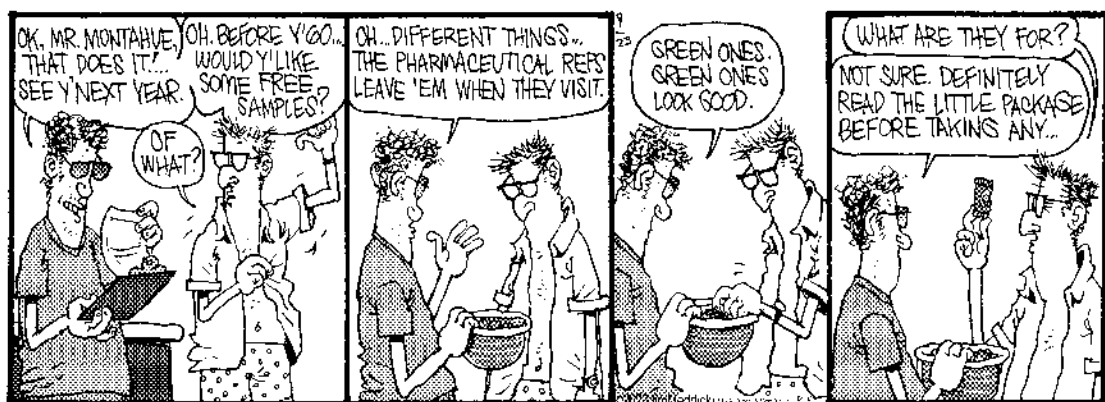
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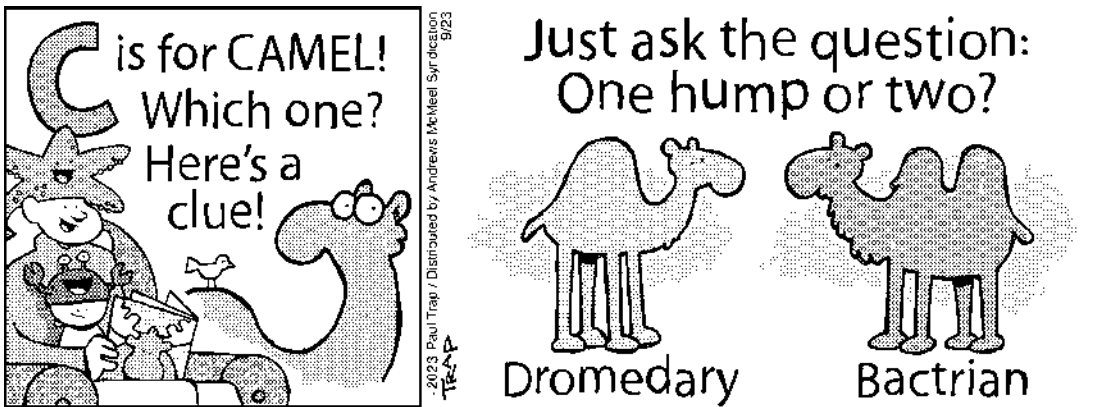
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Bide your time, consider your options and move forward quietly. The less hoopla you have to deal with, the easier it will be to reach your destination. Ramp up your energy and enthusiasm and channel them wisely. Be good to yourself and your loved ones, and support causes you believe in. Make health, love and creativity your priorities.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)** -- Rewarding yourself will help you regain strength and a positive attitude. Refuse to let anyone rain on your parade. Seek out people you want to spend time with, but welcome anyone who drops by.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)** -- Take the initiative to clear the air. State facts, live up to your word and deal with the consequences. Make changes to unstable situations and stick to the truth at all times.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21)** -- Don't waste time fighting the inevitable. Pay attention and use your skills, knowledge and experience to reach your goal. A personal gain is apparent, but you must work for it.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)** -- Share your feelings, concerns and ideas with someone who can offer a different perspective. An investment can pay off, but you must be realistic about your financial situation.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19)** -- Do your own thing. Pay attention to detail, channel your energy into what's meaningful to you and don't feel obligated to follow in someone else's footsteps. Own your successes and failures.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20)** -- Don't block change due to fear or uncertainty. Use your communication skills to get the facts. Reach out and

help others; the rewards will be heartwarming and encourage you to do more.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)** -- Keep your emotions in check. Be observant, helpful and willing to make time to get what you want. A social invitation will tempt you, but be careful not to bite off more than you can chew.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)** -- Look at the possibilities and sign up for whatever piques your interest. Don't do anything halfheartedly. Give your all, and you'll reap the rewards. An open mind will lead to valuable ideas.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)** -- Express enthusiasm, but don't give away your ideas. Plan to have fun with friends, family or loved ones. A social event, physical challenge or home improvement project will bring you joy.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)** -- Don't defer to negativity; keeping busy will get you up and running. Join a cause, create a stir and show off what you have to offer. Don't be afraid to take control and toot your own horn.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)** -- Pay attention to where your money goes. Emotional spending will not eliminate depression or help you feel better about yourself. Challenge yourself to enrich your life.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)** -- Speak up, share your thoughts and see who agrees with your vision. Conversations will help put plans in motion that revolve around travel, learning or home improvements. Be ready with the facts.

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## Mister Toad's Wild Ride

Frank and Francesca's nocturnal adventures

Once upon a time, during a moonlit night, an unsuspecting woman descended the steps of her backyard deck and stepped onto the stone patio. Her three rambunctious dogs raced past her, eager to hit the grass and sniff out the perfect place to pee before bedtime.

The woman knew the sniffing would take a while, so she strolled around the patio, hoping to add to the step count on her fitness app. Along the way, she kicked acorns, rocks, and leaves out of her path, unaware of the danger ahead.

Just as her foot began to brush aside a large rock, it hopped. Straight up and right at her. She shrieked and jumped in the opposite direction, narrowly missing the giant frog whose vertical leap made her heart spring into her throat. She stared at the frog, and he stared back — both of them certain they'd barely escaped with their lives.

And that's how I met Frank the Frog, who has begun using our patio as his personal crash pad each night. Even though Frank's harrowing hop nearly gave me a heart attack that night, I understand why he's here. The patio soaks up the sun during the day, and cold-blooded frogs can't warm up without help. So, Frank uses my patio as a heating pad. And as

someone who sleeps with a heating pad to warm up my frosty feet at night, I can relate.

Since that night we nearly ran into each other, I watch out for Frank when I take the dogs outside because sometimes a rock is not a rock. It's just Frank — toasting his belly on the sunbaked stone and hunting for bugs by the backyard light. I once saw Frank catch a cricket who probably also made the mistake of thinking he was a rock.

A few weeks ago, our 16-year-old daughter took the dogs out, and I cautioned her to watch where she steps since Frank might be out there. She spotted Frank immediately and worried he might get trampled by our herd of dogs, so she scooped him up and moved him to a more secluded spot.

Then, as teenagers are prone to do, she took his picture and looked him up online. It turns out Frank the Frog is technically an American Toad. He doesn't "ribbit" like frogs do. He sings, and he's pretty good at it. I don't know if he'd make it on American Idol, but I've heard worse.

Last night, after another trip to the backyard, Kate came inside with news: Frank has a friend! A smaller toad (who we've named Francesca) was sitting just a few feet away from him. Kate lifted each one and put them in a safe spot under the light for bug catching. We're hoping Frank and Francesca fall in love and have toad babies we'll name Fred and Frannie.



**GWEN ROCKWOOD**  
THE ROCKWOOD FILES

While her intentions are good, I told Kate that Frank and Francesca might be freaked out by her toad relocation services. I can imagine Frank trying to explain the experience to a buddy:

Frank: "This giant thing came out of the sky and picked me up. Then it flew me through the air. I was so scared I nearly peed. It looked at me with giant blue eyes and put its long, weird finger on my head. It spoke in a strange language. Then it set me down in a beam of light and disappeared into the night."

Bartender: "Sure, Frank. So, you're saying you were abducted by aliens who examined you, flew you through the air, and set you down next to a bug buffet. Maybe you've had a few too many cocktail crickets, buddy."

But Frank isn't crazy or hallucinating. He's just a toad posing as a rock who will likely stick around as long as fall's warmer temperatures do. He's welcome to use our toasty patio and extra insects whenever he likes.

We'll leave the light on for him.

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## News of the weird...

### Mistaken Identity

As dog-walkers passed the Seascapes Cafe in Chapel St. Leonards, England, on Sept. 6, they were startled to see what they thought was a "ritual mass murder" inside, United Press International reported. Police were called to the scene, but it turns out the people lying on their backs were just taking part in a yoga meditation exercise. The class's teacher, Millie Laws, said class members had dispersed before officers arrived, and assured the community on her Facebook page that "(we) are not part of any mad cult or crazy clubs. ... They were all participating in a beautiful deep relaxation, and it could have never run through any of our minds that it could be taken this way." Namaste.

### Life Goals

-- Zach Swope, 32, of Carlisle, Pennsylvania, had a worthy goal in mind when he set out to capture a Guinness World Record: He wanted to raise awareness for mental health issues. To that end, Regal Cinemas donated \$7,777.77 to the American Federation for Suicide Prevention after Swope saw 777 films in 365 days, United Press International reported. He started in July 2022 with "Minions: Rise of Gru" and finished with "Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny." Swope wisely bought a Regal Unlimited Membership for \$22 per month, which allowed him to see as many films as he could. He said he generally saw up to three movies every weekday after work and a few on the weekends, but he was not allowed to take bathroom breaks or have snacks or drinks during the films. What was his favorite? "Across the Spider-Verse."

-- In Brezna, Montenegro, seven individuals are competing for the resort village's coveted title of "Laziest Citizen," Reuters reported -- and all they have to do is lie down. The contest, which promises a prize of \$1,070, is held every year; it started in 2012 to mock a popular stereotype of Montenegrins being lazy. In 2022, a record of 117 hours was set. But after 20+ days and nearly 500 hours, seven of the 2023 lazy competitors -- down from the 21 who started -- were still at it. (Don't worry: Each person gets 10 minutes every eight hours to visit the restroom.) Last year's champion, Dubravka Aksic, 38, said they all "feel good, excellent, there are no health problems, they are pampering us, all we have to do is remain lying down." "Time goes by quickly," said Filip Knezevic, 23, who is determined to take the prize.

### The Golden Age of Air Travel

-- A Swiss airlines flight on Sept. 9 from Zurich to Bilbao, Spain, took off without one key element in place: the passengers' luggage. Yahoo! News reported that although passengers waited for two hours in Spain for their luggage to arrive, it never did. Company spokesperson Kavin Ampalam explained: "There was a shortage of ground staff," and after waiting for more than an hour, they decided to take off anyway. The pilot apologized to passengers for the delay but failed to mention the lack of luggage on board. "We understand the situation is not favorable for the people involved, and of course we regret the inconvenience," Ampalam said. Or worse: "Our vacation is ruined," said passenger Carsten Redlich.

-- Travelers aboard a Delta flight from Ghana to New York on Sept. 8 made an unexpected 12-hour detour to remote Terceira Island in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean, the New York Post reported,

and the airline didn't have much sympathy for them. The plane experienced a "mechanical issue with a backup oxygen system," a Delta spokesperson said. Nana Asante-Smith, one of the passengers, said people on board were enclosed in a "partitioned section" because of visa regulations and "had no access to food" or water. Finally, the airport provided sandwiches, juice boxes and crackers. Flyers couldn't get any information from Delta, and one airport staffer told the group they "shouldn't start a revolution" and should be grateful that their plane didn't crash into the sea. When a replacement plane arrived, the group's luggage was not transferred to the new aircraft, and some travelers waited days for their items to be recovered.

### Weird Science

Researchers with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), exploring the Gulf of Alaska in early September, stumbled upon a "golden orb" on the ocean floor that they can't identify, Yahoo! News reported. Scientists used a remotely operated vehicle to survey deepwater habitats; the object, which was about 4 inches in diameter and had a tear near its base, was perched on a rock 2 miles deep. "While we were able to collect the 'golden orb' and bring it onto the ship, we still are not able to identify it beyond the fact that it is biological in origin," NOAA said.

### Repeat Offender

Reza Baluchi just can't stop getting into trouble with the U.S. Coast Guard, NPR reported. The Iranian-born man from Florida was arrested on Aug. 29 after officers tried for three days to convince him to abandon his plan: running across the Atlantic Ocean in a "hamster wheel" fitted with buoys, with his final destination being London, England -- 4,000 miles from his starting point. He tried similar stunts in 2014, 2016 and 2021, "all of which resulted in USCG intervention," said Coast Guard Special Agent Michael Perez. In a short documentary made about Baluchi by Vice, he explained his motivation: "If you drive a boat, nobody cares. Bubble, nobody did before. ... Make me crazy. They stop me every time, they save my life. I don't need it, save my life." After the 2016 incident, the Coast Guard sank Baluchi's bubble, so he redesigned and built a new one. He faces charges of obstruction of boarding and violation of a captain of the port order.

### The Criminal Mind

The North Wales Police are warning residents about a new strategy being used by burglars, Sky News reported. Criminals are leaving Christmas gnomes in people's front gardens, then watching to see if the little figurines are moved. That way, they can discern whether residents are away and the home is an easy target. "We would advise residents to be vigilant," a spokesperson for the police said. Dodgy.

### Police Report

John McKee, 51, of Vincennes, Indiana, landed in the Knox County jail on Aug. 23 after a state trooper observed him driving a Power Wheels Jeep around 9 p.m. on a city street. According to police, the toy car didn't have lights or reflectors, and McKee failed a field sobriety test, The Smoking Gun reported. He told the officer that he had crystal meth and marijuana in his system. He was released on bond, and his fancy ride was collected by Troy's Towing, a trooper said.

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## Husband is a drunk drag while on vacation

DEAR ABBY: I love to travel, yet I loathe traveling with my husband. He gets anxious and extremely mean on the days leading up to the trip and especially while en route. I do all the planning and pay for everything, and I regard it as not only ungrateful and rude, but unnecessary. Is it wrong for me to not want him to come on the next big trip I plan?

Also, while we travel, all he wants to do is sleep, eat and drink. I'm all about taking in the local culture and making sure to not miss anything. I also enjoy a glass of wine with dinner, but I don't want to drink into oblivion, and I'm definitely not up for sleeping my vacation away. My husband does have a drinking problem as well (a topic for another letter).

Before I booked our last trip, I begged him to please not ruin it (our children were with us), and he promised to be on his best behavior. That lasted until the day before we left. Then it was like the mean switch flipped on. Before we even left for the airport, all he did was yell and complain about the airline, parking, packing, etc. I'm at my wits' end. The one time I did travel alone, he told the kids I didn't like any of them

and that's why I went alone. He refuses counseling and seems to not understand why I don't want to be around him. He also "spares no expense" on my dime when we are on vacation. He acts as if we are loaded. Help! -- UNHAPPY TRAVELER

DEAR TRAVELER: Traveling is stressful, and some people don't handle it well. Your alcoholic husband appears to be one of them. If you want to enjoy your travel experience, consider taking another vacation trip without him. Include the children, if they are old enough to appreciate the exposure they are being given, and always assure them that you love them without measure. If you leave your husband at home, you and your children may enjoy the experience more than if you drag him along.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, a friend went out of town to shop and asked if I'd like for them to pick me up a few small items while they were there. I said I would, and told them what I would like. When they returned, they sent me the calculation of what I owed: purchase price, tax -- and gas! This is someone I consider to be a fairly close friend, but



**JEANNE PHILLIPS**  
DEAR ABBY

charging me for gas for an errand they were already running seems not only rude, but also transactional to the point of cheapness. I might add that my items were nearly weightless and did not increase fuel requirements. (Had I asked for bricks, I'd be more understanding.) Is my friend cheap for charging me for gas after offering to shop for me? Or am I cheap for balking? -- NICKELED AND DIMED IN INDIANA

DEAR NICKELED AND DIMED: Your friend is cheap. They should not have asked for monetary compensation for a trip they were taking anyway. If you value the relationship, pay the \$2 and, the next time you are asked if the person can pick up something for you, say "Thank you, but don't bother."

Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at [www.DearAbby.com](http://www.DearAbby.com) or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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## THIS WEEK'S FEATURED CHURCH Southside Baptist Church



**Faith Lutheran Church**  
1820 S. Baltimore, Baltimore & LaHarpe  
David Lukefahr, Pastor  
7:30 a.m. The Lutheran Hour KLTE  
8:15 a.m. Worship Service Peace, Milan  
9:00 a.m. Adult Bible Study Faith  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School Faith  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service Faith  
10:00 p.m. Issues, Etc. 107.9 KLTE  
www.faithkirkville.org

**Hamilton Street Baptist Church**  
802 W. Hamilton  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School/Small Groups  
10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
www.hamiltonstreet.org

**Rehoboth Baptist Church**  
100 Pfeiffer Rd.  
Curtis Ferguson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
rbchurch.net • 660-665-7577

**First Presbyterian Church (USA)**  
201 S. High at McPherson  
Communion 1st Sunday  
9:30 a.m. Morning Worship.  
10:30 a.m. Fellowship Time.  
11:00 a.m. Church School/all ages  
5:30 p.m. College Fellowship

**Kirkville Church of Christ**  
110 Pfeiffer Ave.  
Elders/Pastors: Dan Green, Dean Hansen  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11 a.m. Worship  
Weds 6:30p.m. Bible Study  
www.kvccc.org

**First Baptist Church**  
207 E. Washington  
Jason Marlin, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study for all ages  
10:45 a.m. Worship & Kidz Worship  
firstbaptistkirkville.com

**Faith United Methodist Church**  
1602 E. Illinois  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
Southside Baptist Church  
1010 W. Burton  
Pastor: Aaron Rodgerson  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Preaching  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**First Church of God**  
2900 S. Halliburton  
Chad Earhart  
9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
www.kirkvillechurchofgod.com

**Central Church of Christ**  
2010 S. Halliburton  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Faith Baptist Church  
502 N. Florence  
Pastors: Brandon Rhea & Robert Price  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
12:00 p.m. Noon Lunch  
1:30 p.m. Worship

**The Crossing Church**  
810 E. Shepherd Ave.  
9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. Sunday Service  
www.thecrossing.net

**Grace Community Bible Church**  
1501 E. Northtown Rd.  
Benjamin Jordan, Pastor  
Affiliated with the Evangelical Free Church of America  
9:30 a.m. Worship  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
12 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m. Small groups  
KirkvilleGCBC@gmail.com  
www.KirkvilleGCBC.com • 660.665.1615

**First United Methodist Church**  
300 E. Washington  
Pastors - Rev. Scott Beard & Rev. Jennifer Finley  
9:30 a.m. Worship In Person & Online  
kvumc.org

**Pure Air Baptist Church**  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
TBA Bible Study

**Church of God of Prophecy**  
807 Benton Way  
Pastor: Rob Linhart  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Evening Service

**Fellowship Baptist Church**  
1701 S. Jamison St., Kirkville  
Larry Gibson, Pastor  
9:00 a.m. Sunday Worship  
10:30 a.m. Sunday Bible Study  
fbck@sbcglobal.net  
www.fellowshipbcc.org • 660-665-0633

**Yarrow Methodist Church**  
Highway N., Yarrow  
Guest Pastors  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Mary Immaculate Catholic Church  
Weekday Masses: Tuesday: 5:30 p.m.  
Wed. & Friday: 7 a.m. Thursday: 8 a.m.  
Weekend Masses: Saturday: 5:30 p.m.  
Sunday: 9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

**Catholic Newman Center**  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Sunday  
7:00 a.m. Monday  
9:00 p.m. Wednesday  
Union Temple Church  
Southwest of Kirkville  
Alan Coonfield, Pastor  
Every Sunday Evening  
5-5:30 p.m. Bible Study  
5:30-6:30 p.m. Church Service

**Sugar Creek Baptist Church**  
5 mi South on Hwy 3  
Pastor, Virgil K. Jones  
10:00 a.m. Worship Service  
Hazel Creek Primitive Baptist Church  
2 mi. W. Greentop on Rt. K then 1/2 mi. S.  
Elder Dillon Thurman, minister  
Services on 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays  
10:30 a.m. Song Service  
11:00 a.m. Preaching

**Meadow Brook Christian Church**  
602 E. Washington  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 Morning Worship  
St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church  
Novinger, Mo.

7:30 a.m. Sunday  
**Life Church of Kirkville**  
112 W. Potter  
Jeremy Pingle, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Service  
**Community Presbyterian Church**  
210 N. Owensby, LaPlata, Mo  
Rev. John Becker, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Service  
**Cornerstone Church**  
1702 N Elson St Kirkville, MO  
Jeremy Broach, Senior Pastor  
Chad Stearman, Associate Pastor  
Sunday 10 am - Morning Worship  
Wednesday 6:30 pm-8 pm Family Ministry Night  
www.cornerstonechurch.faith

**Countryside Christian Church**  
S. Boundary St. Rt. H, Troy Mills  
Preacher, Harold R. Engel  
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Blended Worship  
10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. High School-College Youth meet  
www.countrysidekv.com

**Gifford Christian Church**  
Minister: Darren Potter  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
**Lake Road Chapel**  
22963 Potter Trail  
Pastors: Andrew Turner, Andy Thompson, David Kelly  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship Service  
www.lakeroadchapel.org

**Church of God (Holiness)**  
1601 N. Elson  
Pastor Ralph E. Wheeler, Jr.  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**New Hope Evangelical Church**  
620 Steer Creek Way  
9:30 - 10:20 a.m. Bible Class  
10:20 - 10:30 a.m. Fellowship time  
10:30 a.m. Praise & Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
Darrell Draper, Pastor  
660-341-0000  
Jim Maxey, Calling Pastor  
660-665-6949 or 660-216-4183

**First Assembly of God**  
2401 S. High St., Kirkville  
Shawn Meintz, Pastor  
Sundays:  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Worship Wednesdays:  
6:30 p.m. Family Night  
www.kirkvillefirst.org  
info@kirkvillefirst.org

**First Liberty Full Gospel**  
1302 E. Filmore  
Rev. Fred Baker, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Novinger Baptist Church**  
Highway 6 & 149  
Rev. Darrell Crooks, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**First Christian Church**  
(Disciples of Christ)  
High & Harrison  
9:30 a.m. Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Sunday School  
**The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints**  
2000 E. Normal  
Kirkville First Ward Bishop John Grider  
11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Sunday Services  
Kirkville Second Ward Bishop Isaac Isom  
9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sunday Services

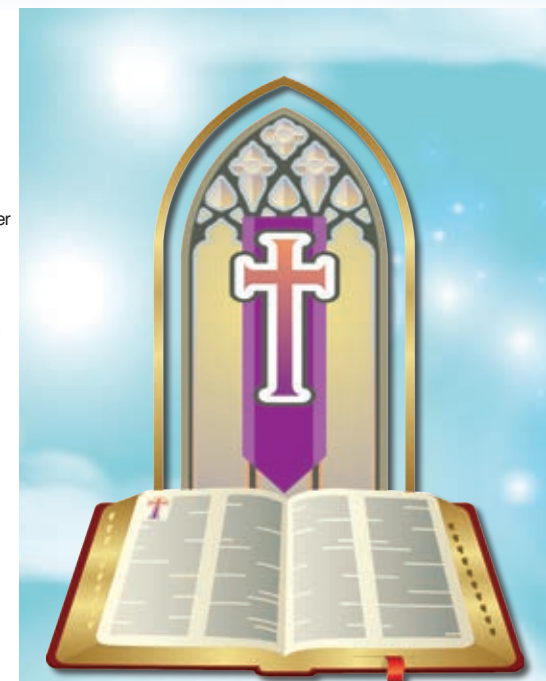
**Trinity Episcopal Church**  
124 N. Mulanix  
Rev. Amy L. Fallon, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
**Seventh Day Adventist Church**  
1301 N. Elson  
Curtis Denney, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sabbath School (Saturday)  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Saturday)  
Fellowship Dinner on 4th Saturday.

**United Methodist Church**  
Brashear Charge, Brashear Lay Minister, Nancy Douglas  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship  
7:00 p.m. Singpiration - 1st Sunday  
**Willow Bend Association East**  
**Center Community Church**  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship  
**Illinois Bend Community Church**  
Highway 3  
Pastor Terry Hunsaker  
8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
660-349-0052

**Baring Community Church**  
11:00 a.m. Worship.  
**Downing Christian Church**  
430 E. Prime Street  
Minister Walker Franke  
Associate Minister Larry Smith  
9:30 am Sunday School  
10:30 am Worship Service  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
660-379-2329

**Willow Bend Church**  
Find Us on Facebook for Event Schedule  
**New Hope Methodist Reformed Church - Millard**  
9:15 a.m. Bible Stud  
10:00 a.m. Worship  
Greentop Community Church  
Highway K, Greentop, Mo.  
Pastor: Lynae McFarland  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Trinity United Fellowship Church  
Pastor: Josh Botello  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Lancaster United Methodist Church  
Pastor: Joshua Ritzheimer  
9:00 a.m. Worship  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
Shekinah Mennonite Church  
15981 Blueberry Way, Kirkville  
John Mark Miller, Pastor Roger Berry  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
10:30 a.m. Worship  
6:00 p.m. 2nd Sunday - hymn sing  
6:00 p.m. 4th Sunday of month Topic

**Belth Community Church**  
12 miles NE of Kirkville on Rt. T Marvin Cross, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Kid's Klub/Youth Fellowship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship.  
**Lancaster Baptist Church**  
Southeast Side of Square, Lancaster  
Lonnie Johnson, Pastor  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Grace Bible Baptist Church**  
Greencastle, Mo.  
Rev. Earl Baker, Pastor  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
5:00 p.m. Evening Service  
**Winigan Christian Church**  
Ryan Crist, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
**First Baptist Church**  
Winigan, Winigan, Mo.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Fairview Baptist Church**  
53610 Knob Hill Road, Pollock  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00 p.m. Sunday Evening  
**Bible Missionary Church**  
508 S. Main St.  
Bro. Glenn Kiger, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**LaPlata Christian Church**  
Scott McNay, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:40 a.m. Morning Worship  
**Queen City Christian Church**  
Queen City, Mo.  
Bud Cornwell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Bible School  
10:30 a.m. Communion/worship Hour  
**United Pentecostal Church**  
1502 E. Northtown Road  
David E. Brown, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
6:30 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship  
**Brashear Community Bible Church**  
Donny Powell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
6:00-3:23-5:30  
**First Baptist Church of LaPlata**  
B. J. McAlpin, Pastor  
9:00 am "Donut Hole" Fellowship  
9:00 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Morning Worship  
6:00 pm Evening Service  
6:00 pm Monday - AWANA  
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**Hazel Creek Free Will Baptist Church**  
8 mi. N.W. of Kirkville on Rt. B. Tim Hodges, Pastor  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Worthington Baptist Church**  
Worthington, Mo.  
Roger Busnell, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**The Salvation Army**  
1004 W. Gardner  
Brian and Michelle Bump, Pastors  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**Queen City First Baptist Church**  
6th at Washington St.  
Sam Burkholder, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m. Evening Worship  
**St. John's Lutheran Church ELCA**  
North of Queen City go East on Rt. O  
Pastor, Bill Iammateo-Code  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service  
**Hurdland First Baptist Church**  
Robert Shobe, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
7:30 p.m. Sun. & Weds. Worship and/or Bible Study  
**Colony Baptist Church**  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. 4th Sunday worship  
**Cornerstone Community Church**  
Meeting at the Fohn Family Center 404  
N. Elson  
9:30 a.m. Sunday Small Group Bible Study designed for adults  
**Locust Hill Community Church**  
Rt. I, Novelty, Mo  
William Gaines, Pastor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
**New Harmony Free Will Baptist**  
3 miles West of Greentop on Rt. K  
10:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
**Word Alive! Family Church**  
Hwy 63, Greentop  
Pastors: Robert Gange  
10:00 a.m. Sunday Worship, Adult service, Childrens Church  
**Schuyler County Church of Faith**  
Highway 136 East, Lancaster  
Sonny Smyser, Pastor  
8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Sunday Services  
11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday Class  
3rd Sunday Fellowship dinner 12 noon  
**Gospel Outreach Church**  
209 W. Washington  
Norman Keller, Pastor  
Gonda Manning, Co pastor  
7:00 p.m. Thursday Services  
**Victory Baptist Church Of Greentop**  
-Meets at the Willmathsville Community Church on Hwy A.  
Pastor Joshua Wesley  
10:30 a.m. Worship



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Psalm 37:3

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John 14:6

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"I can do everything through him who gives me strength."  
Philippians 4:13